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Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9th and 10th

A. D. 1905

## Notice of the Meeting of the Convocation.

San Juan, P. R., March 28, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of the Canons of the Church, notice is hereby given that there will be held, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, in the city of San Juan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10, 1905, the First Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.

The Convocation will begin with the corporate celebration of the Holy Communion, at 10:15 A. M., to be followed by the Bishop's Address, Organization, Election of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Standing Committee, Reports of Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, formation of other Committees, Guilds and Societies, Discussion and Action upon the United Offering of the Men of the Church at the General Convention in Richmond, in 1907, together with such other business as may properly come before the Convocation. The Reverend Clergy, the Teachers, Lay Readers, and other workers are requested to be present. Parishes and Missions will please send, each one, Two Lay Delegates elected at the Easter Monday Meeting, or else appointed by the Clergymen, to represent the Parishes or Missions, and to have a vote in the proceedings.

The Offertory at the celebration of the Holy Communion will be for the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States. Hospitality will be provided.

Asking God's blessing upon the Church here and in all lands, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Jas. H. Van Buren,

*Bishop of Puerto Rico.*

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
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TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1905, 10.15 O'CLOCK A. M.

In accordance with the notice sent out on March 28th by the Bishop, the clerical and lay delegates assembled in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rector of the Church. The alms of the Offertory were appropriated for the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the Bishop, the Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed, and it was upon motion:—

*Resolved,* That the Chair be requested to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. George L. Nelson as Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That the Provisional Order of Business and Rules of Order, sent out by the Bishop, be adopted as the Order of Business and Rules of Order of this Convocation until altered or other rules be adopted.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation from the list provided by the Bishop as follows (the names of those not present are printed in *italics*):—

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT

The Right Reverend JAMES HEARTT VAN BUREN, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. *Joseph N. Bean*
The Rev. *David W. Bland*
The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL
The Rev. *Z. Vall Spinoza*
The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON.

Total number of clergymen, 6. Present, 3. Absent, 3.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM THE SAME.

| *Place.* | *Parish or Mission.* | *Lay Delegates.* |
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| Mayagüez, | St. Andrew's, | |
| Ponce, | Holy Trinity, | George L. Nelson. |
| Puerta de Tierra, | St. Luke's, | Napoleon F. John. |
| | | Paul P. Keen. |
| San Juan, | St. John the Baptist, | George T. Waymouth. |
| | | Henry W. Dooley. |
| Vieques, | All Saints, | Cain Callwood. |
| | | John Sprott. |

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 7 delegates. Present 4. Absent, 3.

The Chair stated that although there was not a parliamentary quorum, in order to proceed with business, he would announce a quorum present and declare the Convocation organized for business.

The Bishop then announced the following appointments:—

*1. Committee on Qualifications*

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

*2. Chancellor,*

Hon. JAMES H. MACLEARY.

*3. Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions,*

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

*4. Committee on Finance,*

The BISHOP. The TREASURER.

Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

*5. Committee on Unfinished Business,*

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. GEORGE L. NELSON.

*6. Committee on Nominations,*

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Mr. NAPOLEON F. JOHN.

*7. Standing Committee, (as required by Canon of the General Convention)*

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. GEORGE L. NELSON.
The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL. Mr. W. V. ROBBINS.
Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH

*8. Auditing Committee*

Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH. Mr. J. D. H. LUCE.
Dr. W. N. BERKELEY.

(This Committee was changed later by the substitution of the Rev. Walter Mitchell for Mr. George T. Waymouth, on account of the election of the latter as Treasurer.)

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed by the Chair to which shall be referred the communication from the Central Committee of the General Convention for the Missionary Thank Offering.

The Chair appointed as such committee

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Upon the request of this Committee the Secretary then read, for the information of the members of the Convocation, a copy of the letter sent by the Central Committee to the Bishop of each Diocese and Missionary District and also a copy of the correspondence between Bishop Moreland and the Central Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved,* That the (suggested) Constitution and Canons be referred to the Committee of the same when that Committee shall have been elected.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell then announced that arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the delegates, and upon his motion the Convocation adjourned until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

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2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order and announced the list of officers and committees to be elected.

The Committee on Nominations made their report as follows:—

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

*For Treasurer*

Mr. George T. Waymouth.

*For Registrar*

The Rev. Walter Mitchell.

*For Committee on Constitution and Canons*

The Rev. William Watson. The Rev. Walter Mitchell.
Mr. Paul P. Keen.

*For Committee on Episcopal Support*

The Rev. Walter Mitchell. Mr. George T. Waymouth.
Mr. Napoleon F. John.

There being no other nominations, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary cast one ballot in favor of the nominations of the Committee.

The Secretary accordingly cast one ballot as instructed and announced that the gentlemen who had been nominated by the Committee had been elected.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the Bishop delivered his Annual Address. See Appendix, I.

Following the Bishop's Annual Address, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved,* That that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the importance of our people subscribing to Church papers, in so far as it applies to the "Spirit of Missions," be referred to a special Committee of three members to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair thereupon appointed as such committee the following:—

The Rev. Walter Mitchell. The Rev. William Watson.
Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

The Chair then called for reports of committees.

There having been no Treasurer nor Registrar for the past year, there were no reports.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee requested that the report of the Standing Committee be postponed till the next day, which was allowed.

On account of absence the report of the Chancellor was omitted.

There having been no committees on Episcopal Support, and on the Admission of New Parishes and Missions, there were no reports.

The Committee on the "Men's United Thank Offering" reported in the form of a motion as follows:—

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed by the Bishop, on nomination by the rector or minister-in-charge of each Parish or Mission, consisting of one layman from each Parish or Mission for the purpose of taking charge of ways and means for collecting the Thank Offering to be made by the men of the Church at the General Convention at Richmond in 1907.

It was carried.

The Bishop, thereupon, upon nomination by the rectors and ministers-in-charge of the various Parishes and Missions, appointed the following

COMMITTEE

From the Parish of St. John the Baptist, San Juan,
Mr. George T. Waymouth

From the Mission of St. Luke, Puerta de Tierra,
Mr. Walter Chapman

From the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ponce,
Mr. W. V. Robbins

From the Mission of San Pedro, Ponce,
Mr. A. E. Horton

From the Mission of San Tomás, Ponce,
Mr. P. J. Cabrera

From the Mission of St. Mary the Virgin, Ponce,
Mr. Hilario Villafaña

From Aguirre,
Mr. George L. Nelson

The Provisional Order of Business was referred by the Chair to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next day's session.

Upon motion, the Convocation then adjourned till the next day at 8.30 o'clock A. M.

## SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day were read by the Secretary.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley suggested the propriety of substituting someone upon the Auditing Committee in place of Mr. George T. Waymouth, who had been elected Treasurer.

The Bishop thereupon appointed the Rev. Walter Mitchell as member of the Auditing Committee in place of Mr. George T. Waymouth.

The minutes were then approved as altered.

The Bishop stated that the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Virginia had been adopted by him as the Constitutions and Canons of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico subject to alteration by the Convocation, but suggested that the new Constitution and Canons be not printed as the official Constitution and Canons till approved by the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell, for the Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented the Constitution and Canons, and the Provisional Order of Business and Provisional Rules of Order, with alterations as recommended by the Committee, for adoption by the Convocation.

Upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

*Resolved,* That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons be accepted and placed before the Convocation for action.

The Constitution with alterations was then discussed and adopted article by article, subject to approval of the House of Bishops.

The following reports were then called for by the Bishop.

In the absence of the Rev. David W. Bland, the Bishop made a verbal report of the starting of a Mission at Mayagüez, of which the Rev. David W. Bland had charge.

The Rev. William Watson made short verbal reports of the Mission school work of Miss Minnie L. Fordham at La Carmelita, and of the Parochial school work of Miss Frances Cuddy at Ponce.

Miss Anna M. Reed made a report of the Parochial school work at San Juan.

The Rev. Leonard Read made a verbal report of his work in Ponce.

Mrs Van Buren made a Report of

THE PUERTO RICAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

as follows:—

I was appointed by the Bishop in October, 1903, at the request of the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to act as Secretary for Puerto Rico. On March 22, 1904, the Parochial Branch of the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, was organized, with 14 members. On January 29, 1905, the Parochial branch of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce, was organized, with 25 members. At Puerta de Tierra, the women of St. Luke's Mission are about to organize.

All the women of the branches will have mite boxes for their offerings for the next Triennial Offering, which amounts will be collected semi-annually, and placed in a bank until 1907. We have now 2 branches, 39 members, 5 parochial and one diocesan officer.

We are asked to contribute from the Woman's Auxiliary of this Missionary District, $15.00 this year toward the annual contribution of $100,000 for the general work of the Board of Missions. This amount we shall send soon, and it is the only contribution for this year which I have to report.

On October 4th, 1904, there was much applause at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Boston, when it was announced that Puerto Rico was represented by a delegate. I took with me samples of the drawn work made by the Parish Needlework Guild of Ponce, and some of it was sold and orders were received for more. Many letters have been received and answered, inquiring about the needs and conditions here. A number of boxes of clothing and supplies have been received and distributed. We thus occupy a dual position, as members of the Auxiliary, and recipients of its bounty.

At the time of the United Offering, in Boston, October 6, I placed in the alms basin $17.80, being the amount of the contents of the mite boxes of a few members of the San Juan Branch, after only six months' existence. I hope that at least $100 may be given in 1907.

In response to an appeal which I have made in addresses at Boston and elsewhere, for a rectory for the Parish at Bolondron, Cuba, I have received a substantial sum, which has been turned over to the

Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Bishop Knight having acknowledged the same. I have encountered everywhere the same kind interest and desire to know more about our work in Puerto Rico.

ANNIE M. VAN BUREN, *Secretary.*

Mr. George L. Nelson made a short verbal report upon the conditions at Aguirre, where no regular work has been undertaken as yet.

Mr. Napoleon F. John made a verbal report of the work at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell made a verbal report of the work in San Juan since his arrival from the United States.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley made a verbal report of the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in San Juan.

The Rev. William Watson made a verbal report of the work and conditions in Ponce.

The Canons, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, subject to approval of the House of Bishops, were then discussed and adopted Canon by Canon, with the exception of Canon 8, which, upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley, was laid on the table till after luncheon.

The Rules of Order, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, were discussed and adopted rule by rule.

Upon motion the Convocation adjourned for luncheon till 2.30 o'clock P. M.

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2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order, and the Rev. Walter Mitchell presented a substitute for Canon 8, which was adopted.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That the Constitution and Canons as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Constitution and Canons of this Missionary District, subject to the approval of the House of Bishops.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That the Provisional Order of Business be taken up for consideration.

The Provisional Order of Business, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, was then discussed and adopted paragraph by paragraph.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That the Provisional Order of Business as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Order of Business of the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That the Provisional Rules of Order as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Rules of Order of the Convocation. (For Order of Business and Rules of Order, see Appendix IV.)

Upon motion of the Rev. William Watson it was

*Resolved,* That the place of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

Upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley it was

*Resolved,* That the number of journals to be published be referred to the Secretary in conjunction with the Bishop, and the cost of publication be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chair called for the postponed report of the Standing Committee and the Rev. William Watson presented and read the following

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

*To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:*

There have been two meetings of the Standing Committee. The first was in April, 1904, at which meeting the Committee reported favorably on the admission of Mr. Leonard Read as a candidate for Priest's Orders, and on the admission of Mr. A. E. Horton as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

On the 31st of January, 1905, the Standing Committee met to sign Mr. Leonard Read's papers for Ordination to the Diaconate.

During the past year the Standing Committee lost the valued services of Mr. H. O. Wells, on account of his permanent departure from the Island. Mr. W. V. Robbins was appointed by the Bishop to fill the vacancy.

*For the Standing Committee,*
WILLIAM WATSON, *Chairman.*

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take up the whole question of the Sunday School, and to report on the same at the next annual Convocation.

The Chair named as such a

COMMITTEE

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL The Rev. LEONARD READ
Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

The Committee on Finance reported that it was impossible at this time to make a detailed report.

Upon motion of the Rev. William Watson it was

*Resolved,* That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and the ladies of the Church of St. John the Baptist, for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved,* That after prayers and benediction by the Bishop the Convocation adjourn without day.

The minutes of this day were read by the Secretary and were approved.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the first Annual Meeting of the Convocation adjourned without day.

Attest: GEORGE L. NELSON,
*Secretary.*

# APPENDIX I.

## THE BISHOP'S CONVOCATION ADDRESS

*To the Members of Christ's Body, the Church, in the Missionary District of Puerto Rico, Greeting:—Grace, Mercy and Peace be multiplied upon you.*

To-day marks an era of progress in our work. We are assembled in convocation for the first time, to perfect the organization of our forces; not only for the sake of further advance, but also for the sake of carrying out the law and principle of ecclesiastical life in virtue of which we are not a mere group of individuals, but a family; not a mere cluster of segregated parishes and missions, having no more cohesion than the dead timbers and fragments of wood that happen to have been piled up or thrown together haphazard; but as "a tree planted by the waterside," whereof each Parish and Mission is a living branch, some larger, some smaller, each made up of individuals who are as the twigs that bear the fruit, all deriving their life through the trunk which is the Holy Church, through which we are joined to the Root and Stem of David; and that Root and Stem is Christ. There is this difference between dead timber and the living tree; that the tree "bringeth forth her fruit in due season," as the Psalmist says, and "its leaf shall not wither," as he further observes.

In the Church thus organized every part is interested in every other part. No branch can prosper without adding to the beauty and fruitfulness of the whole tree, no new twig can be added without enlisting the sympathetic interest of all the existing branches. No part can suffer through misfortune or through the lack of vital connection with the Root, without in so far forth enfeebling the whole tree.

In the laws or canons which we shall here adopt, it must be remembered, we are not creating the Church in Puerto Rico, we are not inventing principles for its guidance. We are simply recognizing and declaring the principles which already exist, which have existed from the day when first a feeble mis-

sion was planted in the town of Ponce, some 35 years ago, by the Mother Church of England; principles which may have lain dormant until there was a sufficient degree of strength in the plant to assert and formulate the existing vitality, but which are the secret of past growth, the essential of future progress.

In the four and a half years since the care of this work was entrusted to me, it has been necessary to do two things and only two, namely:—to nurse the existing missions, and establish new ones. But these two duties now involve an amount of detail which no one man alone can fulfil. The point of progress at which we find ourselves to-day could not have been reached had there not been faithful helpers to whose fidelity I take pleasure in acknowledging my obligation. The three Missions which I found here have become ten, in the four years past, with three vigorous Mission schools. The feeble have grown in strength, but this could not have happened had there not been coöperation on the part of many members. For this coöperation, which is an essential principle of the Church's life and growth, I thank God, and ask Him to reward all who have joined therein, not only here in this frontier and colonial possession, but also in the home land, where the hardest part of my duty has lain, in making known to people from one end to the other of the Church's borders, the great need and opportunity open before us here. This has made it necessary that I should absent myself from the post of service to which I have been appointed, and for six months in the year go from parish to parish, and from city to city, asking the supply of your need. The response has been generous, the coöperation has been willing, and the results of the work have now to be reviewed. May God bless and reward all those who have helped me, and have not turned away their faces from the voice of my appeal. By their coöperation, oftentimes, I know full well, at the cost of a willing sacrifice but a sacrifice still, we have been enabled to do the following necessary things.

Starting out with the declared intention of raising $30,000 for the Puerto Rico Equipment Fund, I have succeeded in raising some $28,000 of the amount, and have reason to believe the balance will not be long wanting. This has made it neces-

sary that I should speak and make public and private appeals, send out hundreds of letters, and thousands of circulars, publish many magazine articles, and travel over much territory. I have had no vacation since I came to Puerto Rico in February of 1901, but have made, each summer, more than 100 addresses in the various parishes in the home land.

With the funds thus gathered, every dollar of which has passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, who has kept a strict account thereof, it being my habit never under any circumstances to accept a fiduciary trust without some such safeguard, the following expenditures have been made:—

For the purchase of land and erection of this church building in San Juan, out of a total cost (not including the Sanctuary window nor the furnishings) of some $28,000, the Equipment Fund has supplied, in round figures, some $12,000. The balance came as follows: From Mr. Geo. C. Thomas of Philadelphia, $6,000; from a building fund raised here, $2,000, and on my own notes, $4,000. The balance, of $4,000, was advanced by the Board of Missions and has in part been extinguished by contributions for Puerto Rico, not otherwise designated. I believe there is a balance still awaiting that form of extinguishment of some $1500. Last summer I succeeded in paying from the Equipment Fund $2,000 of my personal loan and $360 interest. Another note for $1,000, on which I borrowed that amount from a generous friend here in San Juan, is being gradually paid by the lender himself; and the remaining $1000, which was loaned to me by the late Mr. Dumaresq, he left as a legacy to the Parish at his decease.

Of the articles of church furnishing which have been placed here, many of my personal friends in the States have been the donors. The plan of this building, its architecture and details, were the subject of study during the two weary years while we were waiting for a lease to expire on the house which stood here when we bought. I accept the responsibility and the criticisms which this building may involve, it being due to the Vestry to state that the type of architecture employed was not in accordance with the wishes of the majority, they having consented to its erection under protest and in deference to my wishes.

Thus, to continue the history of the Equipment Fund, were expended toward the cost of the erection of this church about $12,000.

In the opening and equipment of St. Luke's Church in Puerta de Tierra, about $500.

In necessary repairs of All Saints' Church, Vieques, and in the purchase of a building that was being erected on land adjacent to the church, about $500.

For the purchase of a lot adjoining Church property in Ponce, which will forever prevent the shutting out of light and ventilation, by making the Church property face on three streets with a park on the south side, the Equipment Fund has supplied $4,000.

In the purchase of land and erection of the Bishop's residence in Río Piedras, about $7,000.

In the cost of raising the money of the Equipment Fund, I have spent some $1,500.

There is on hand an unexpended balance, deposited with the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, of about $2,500.

With this balance I am in possession of a beginning toward a number of enterprises, reference to which will be made later on.

We have at the present time the following points at which we are holding services, either in the form of Parish organizations, or as Missions: (I try to follow the order of their ages)

1 Ponce, Church of the Holy Trinity. Rev. Wm. Watson, Rector; Rev. Leonard Read, Assistant.
2 Vieques, All Saints' Church. Rev. J. N. Bean, Minister in Charge.
3 San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector.
4 Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Mission. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Minister in Charge.
5 Ponce, Playa, St. Peter's Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Rev. Leonard Read, Deacon assisting.
6 Ponce, (West end) St. Thomas' Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Rev. Leonard Read, Deacon assisting.
7 Central Aguirre, Mission of the Epiphany. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Mr. Geo. L. Nelson.
8 La Carmelita, St. Mary's Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Missionary assisting.
9 Esperanza, Hope Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Miss M. L. Fordham, Teaching assistant.

10 Mayagüez, St Andrew's Mission. Rev. David W. Bland, Minister in Charge.

We have three flourishing Mission Schools, or Parish Schools, as follows:—

1 In the parish of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Miss Anna M. Reed, Teacher, assisted by Dolores Quiñones, with an enrollment of 75 children.
2 In the parish of the Holy Trinity, Ponce. Miss Frances Cuddy, Teacher, and Miss Sarah Davidson, Parish Helper, having 50 pupils.
3 At Esperanza. Miss Minnie L. Fordham, Teacher, with an enrollment of 30 children. At this point a night school for adults has also been held the past winter with some 25 pupils.

For the maintenance of the Church's work in Puerto Rico, the Board of Missions makes an appropriation of a little more than $10,000 a year. This appropriation is applicable only to the payment of salaries, the funds of the Board being insufficient for the acquirement of property. This is the reason why it is necessary for the Bishop to go north each year in quest of funds for the equipment and extension of the Church. All the property now held by us in Puerto Rico is vested in the Board of Missions, as Trustees, to hold the same for the use of the Church in Puerto Rico forever.

The funds of the Board of Missions are derived mainly from the contributions of the Parishes, in accordance with a system of apportionment, whereby each Parish is asked to contribute according to an estimate of its ability and willingness. For the first time, this Missionary District is asked this year to come into a share of this privilege, and to make a contribution, from the several Parishes and Missions, of $50. This amount, I see by a recent report of the Board, has nearly all been paid. Among the items of appropriation for the work here, the Board grants to the Bishop a discretionary fund of $400 a year. With this fund various needs of the Missions and Schools have been met. Under the Bishop's house at Río Piedras, I have had what I call an Episcopal carpenter shop. A native carpenter there has made, from designs which I gave him the past winter, some fourteen articles of Church furniture, including altars, lecterns, Prayer desks, etc. The cost has been about seventy dollars, and the value as indicated by catalogue and freight charges something like $200, effecting thus a saving to

the Missions and the Bishop's discretionary fund of a considerable sum.

In view of the fact that the Board of Missions is facing a deficiency in its revenues amounting to about $125,000, as well as the fact that those revenues are raised by contributions of Parishes which have their own maintenance to provide for, and in view of the further fact that some of the larger Parishes of the Church do not contribute in proportion to their wealth, the bulk of the revenue being received from Parishes of moderate means, it is incumbent on us who enjoy the benefits of their sacrifice, to work along toward a measure of self-support as rapidly as circumstances will allow. I am happy to believe that this is being done in some of the Missions and Parishes; notably this one, in San Juan; and I would not be thought to ignore it in reminding you that the sooner we cease to be recipients of the bounty of the Church, the sooner will other parts of the field be reached that are quite as needy as we, and that the road that leads to self-support is the road to self-respect.

You will be asked to appoint a Committee, among others, to establish and increase an Endowment Fund for the support of a Bishop. At present your Bishop receives none of his support from Puerto Rico, except as your apportionment, which is $50 this year, enters into the annual expenditures of the Board of Missions, and, in some small fragment, returns to you as a portion of the Board's annual expenditure of a little over a million dollars for the cause of Missions in all the world. I venture to hope that this Committee will confer with the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and obtain valuable advice as to the best way of helping in the support of the Episcopate in Puerto Rico.

I have during the year visited each of the Parishes and Missions above enumerated, as well as the schools; in some I have made more than one visitation, as will be seen from a perusal of the record of Episcopal Acts, which will be appended to this Address, when it is published. At present therefore I will confine myself to the list of Confirmations subsequent to the latest entry in the Journal of last year, which was dated August 31, 1904.

## Confirmations.

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| Sept. 18, 1904, | at | Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, for the Bishop of Minnesota | 1 |
| Jan. 26, 1905, | at | St. Thomas' Mission, Ponce | 1 |
| Jan. 29, | " | at St. Mary's Mission, La Carmelita | 36 |
| April 2, | " | at St. John's, San Juan | 12 |
| April 14, | " | at St. John's, San Juan | 1 |
| May 7, | " | On board the U. S. Training Ship "Prairie" | 13 |
| Total, | | | 64 |

As the various Missionaries and Teachers are to have an opportunity, together with other workers, to tell of the work entrusted to them, at an appointed time to-morrow, I will not take time now to say more than this, that I know their work and wish the other members to know it too. I know their trials and their sacrifices, their courage, and the difficulties under which they are laboring, and I am sure it will give us all new strength and new hope to hear them, to sympathize with them, and to wish them God-speed.

The Canons of the Church make it the duty of the Bishop to record his Episcopal acts, and it is customary to publish such record in connection with his annual Address. For further details of my work, therefore, I will refer you to the Journal, which will be published after the meeting of Convocation.

A resident Bishop having been chosen and consecrated for Cuba, I am relieved of that extremely pleasant addition to my responsibilities, and I ask God to bless the new Bishop of Cuba, and those who labor with him in that most interesting Missionary District.

Turning from this imperfect outline of the past to the prospects of the future, I ask your attention to the following five places, where our Church services will be opened as soon as I can find the men and the means.

(a) On the Military Road, some 7 or 8 miles west of the town of Bayamon, in the barrio of Candelario, where I am offered four acres of land, on condition that I build a church there within one year. I have visited the district and arranged to hold a Mission Service there next Sunday, and shall probably accept the offer.

(b) At Pueblo Viejo, a similar offer has been made and will probably be accepted. I am hoping to go there for a similar service on the following Sunday; that is, May 21. This might be connected with Candelario as one mission.

(c) At Aguas Buenas, an offer of land has been made, with the promise of $50 toward the erection of a church. I hope to be able to accept this also.

(d) At Semil, an hacienda not far from the town of Juana Díaz, an urgent request for the ministrations of the Church has come, and I am hoping to supply the need by making that point a mission in connection with the Mission at Aguirre, as soon as I can secure a clergyman for the work at the latter point.

(e) At Hormigueros, Mr. Bland thinks of establishing the Church as soon as his work at Mayagüez will allow.

Besides these points of growth in the numbers of our Missions, I am negotiating for the enlargement of the church at Vieques to double its present capacity. This work I expect will be done at once. Under Mr. Bean, the Minister in Charge for the past 26 years, much faithful service has been rendered at Vieques, which it is a pleasure to recognize. But Mr. Bean having entirely lost the use of his eyes, I have obtained for him a pension which will enable him to retire, the Rev. Mr. Leonard Read taking up the work at that point as soon as I can ordain him to the Priesthood, he having been ordained Deacon by me on the 2d of last February, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce.

At La Carmelita, steps have been taken, and land secured on a 99 years' lease, for the erection of a suitable church, and the laying out of a burial ground, it being necessary now to carry the dead from that place to Ponce, a distance of some 15 miles, mostly by mountain trail where no wheeled vehicle can pass. I have made an appropriation of $100 toward this church building, and am expecting to help along the work as fast as means at my disposal will permit, until the whole is completed. Thanks are due to Mr. Van Leenhof and to the Company of La Carmelita, and are gratefully rendered.

On the lot recently acquired by purchase, in Ponce, I am expecting, with the coöperation of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, to begin the erection of a suitable School building and Teacher's house, as soon as plans can be perfected. The

Church building there is sadly out of repair, and I am hoping soon to get the funds necessary for the erection of a new one.

But the work which seems most conspicuous in its need is the Church Hospital. In the outskirts of the city of Ponce, we have bought four cuerdas of land, high and well adapted for the purpose, where it is contemplated to erect the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, in memory of Dr. Charles Henry Thomas. Thomas was my room-mate at Yale College, many years ago, and in my senior year, when I fell sick with typhoid fever, he put aside all other duties, and gave himself to the care and nursing of his sick friend and class-mate. It is due to his care and attention, together with the ministrations of other well-remembered friends, that I regained my health, under the providence of Almighty God, and it is only right that I should do what I may be able to perpetuate his memory, by continuing the work of healing the sick, to which he gave the best years of his noble, self-sacrificing life. Of the need of good hospitals in that part of Puerto Rico I need not speak at length. It is planned to make this a hospital of up-to-date features, whose benefits shall be bestowed on those who need them, regardless of race, creed, political or any other discrimination. The plan involves probably some years of work and the raising of one hundred thousand dollars, of which half is for the buildings and equipment, and the other half for an endowment, the income to be expended in maintenance of the hospital. It is expected that the revenue arising from the fees paid by such as are able to pay, will be sufficient to meet the balance of the expenses. A Committee has been formed, consisting of the Bishop, the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, the Physician (Dr. Carl Vogel), and the two Wardens of the said Parish, who are to serve as the local board of Trustees. The title to the land is already vested in the Board of Missions.

Among the things that will occupy your attention is what is known as the Thank Offering of the Men of the Church for the 300 years of Church Life in this western hemisphere. This offering will be made at the next General Convocation, which is to be held at Richmond, Va., in October, 1907. The Women of the Church made their triennial offering for Missions last October, and it reached the sum of $150,000. They are in the habit of making such offerings every three years, although

this is the largest amount they have ever given. It is devoted to the training and support of women workers in the Mission field. The Children of the Church make an offering of more than $100,000 each Lent. Last year their Lenten offering, for general missionary work, amounted to $117,000. The returns for this year are not all in.

Now, granting that what the women and children give is supplied by the men, (which is not true entirely, but has some truth in it,) the time seems to have come for the men of the Church also to be up and doing something on their own part and of their own free-will. It is hoped that the offering at Richmond will reach the sum of $500,000; and there is nothing startling in that idea, when once it is remembered how abundantly money is spent by the sons of the Church for business enterprises or for pleasure. And in case such a hope should be realized, perhaps it may be made possible for the Treasury of the Board of Missions to so supply the needs of the various parts of the Mission field, that the Missionary Bishops will not be obliged to leave their proper duty and become financial agents for the solicitation of the funds wherewith to meet the requirements of the advancing frontier line of the Kingdom of God.

Under the provisions of the General Canons of the Church, I selected, when I became bishop, the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Virginia to be and continue our law, as far as applicable, until the House of Bishops otherwise order. A new draft of a Constitution and Canons has now been prepared by me, which you will be asked to consider, amend and adopt, subject to the approval of the House of Bishops which meets in New York, June 8. I will not at present occupy your attention with any discussion of these proposed enactments, excepting to say that since they will provide for the appointment or election of various customary officers and committees, I trust that those who find themselves thus called to new service will feel that the call is not of men but of God, and that each will honor his office by an earnest and faithful discharge of its responsibilities. The Church in Puerto Rico has enjoyed the coöperation, as I have said, of many fellow-workers, whereby it has advanced, not rapidly perhaps but surely and safely. In extending that coöperation we shall multiply our

strength. This is not a mere "clergyman's church." It requires the service of every member. There is no obligation resting on a minister to be at his post in the chancel which does not require the presence of every man, woman and child in the pew, on the committee, in the guild, at the auxiliary, or wherever the duty may be.

To the end that you may be intelligent workers in the Master's Vineyard, I do earnestly and affectionately recommend that every family subscribe for and read some Church paper. *The Spirit of Missions,* at $1 a year, is within the reach of all. The *Churchman, Church Standard, Living Church, Southern Churchman,*—some one of these excellent publications should be in every house, if you are to know anything whatever of the progress and affairs of the Kingdom of God. I have been pained to find how many of our Church people neglect this means of informing themselves in regard to the subject of deepest importance. In a Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian family, a denominational paper seems to be regarded as a necessity, and the necessity is recognized and met; but in many of our Church families it is not so. It seems to be assumed that accurate Church information may be evolved from the inner consciousness or absorbed from the secular newspaper. This is an egregious mistake, resulting in a startling amount of misinformation or absolute ignorance touching things of most vital interest and importance, on the part of people otherwise well informed.

The time has come when it is a disgrace to a Churchman to know about the Japanese generals and not even to know the name of the American Bishop in Japan; to know about the wheat product of Dakota and be ignorant of Bishops Hare and Mann; to be posted concerning the gold mines of Alaska and devoid of information touching the heroism of Bishop Rowe; to know of the acts of Congress and not to know of the Chicago-Lambeth Declaration of the Principles of Christian Unity. Inform yourselves, be zealous with a zeal that is "according to knowledge." Thus will your service reduplicate its efficiency and your fighting be not as the fighting of "one that beateth the air."

Should this lead to a deeper study of the Church's history, her doctrines, discipline and worship, so much the better.

Should it lead to the discovery that theology is not a dead subject, and worship no lost art, should it reveal the fact that religious thought is keeping pace with the advancing progress of science, that also would contribute to the sum total of your happiness, since it might make you aware that the limited apprehension of divine truth which belonged to a former and more limited age has been outgrown, and that there is a larger grasp of the beauty and truth and power of the ancient gospel in the minds of thinking and reading Christians to-day than ever existed before. The truth has not changed in religion any more than in science. But men have climbed to higher altitudes, and their vision is wider and clearer thereby. Narrow and bigoted misconceptions have been largely abandoned. We live in a time of freer ventilation. It is the duty of a well-informed Christian to know and rejoice in this.

As you take up the discussions of this Convocation, and address yourselves to its varied work, may the counsels of fraternity, wisdom and love prevail. And may God's Holy Spirit be with us now and always.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN.

San Juan, P. R.,
May 9, 1905.

# APPENDIX II.

## EPISCOPAL ACTS, from Sept. 1, 1904.

Sept. 4, 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Celebrated Holy Communion and preached at All Saints' Church, Great Neck, L. I. Evg., Officiated same.

" 11, 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C. Aft., Preached at open air service, Cathedral Grounds.

" 12, Mon., P. M. Marriage, St. John's Church, Washington, D. C.

" 18, 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Minneapolis, Minn. Preached and made addresses five times in various parishes.

" 18, Evg., Confirmed one person for Bishop Edsall, at Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

" 19, Mon., Evg., Preached at All Saints' Church, Northfield, Minn.

" 20, Tues., A. M., Addressed the Seabury Divinity School, at Faribault, Minn. Evg., Addressed the Church Club at Minneapolis, Minn.

" 21, Wed., A. M., Addressed the Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary, at Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis. Evg., Address at Ascension Church, Stillwater, Minn.

" 22, Thurs., A. M., Addressed the Sunday School Institute at the Pro-Cathedral, Minneapolis. Evg., Address, at St. Paul's Church, Winona, Minn.

" 23, Fri., A. M., Addressed the High School at Winona, Minn. Evg., Address at Christ Church, Red Wing, Minn.

" 25, 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Church of St. John the Ev., St. Paul, Minn. Evg., Christ Church, same, preached.

" 29, Thurs., Aft., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at St. James' Church, Downingtown, Pa.

Oct. 2, 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Boston, Mass. Evg., St. John's Mission Church, Orient Heights, East Boston, Preached.

" 3, Mon., Aft. Addressed the Clerical Club at Providence, R. I. Evg., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at St. John's Church, Providence, R. I.

" 5, Wed. Attended opening service of General Convention, at Trinity Church, Boston, Mass.

" 5-24, In daily attendance on Gen. Convention, Boston.

" 9, 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at All Saints' Church, Brookline, Mass. Evg., Preached at St. James' Church, West Somerville, Mass.

Oct. 13, Thurs., Aft., Address before the Board of Missions, Boston.
" 15, Sat., Aft., Addressed the Twentieth Century Club, Boston.
" 16, 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass. Aft., Preached at Ascension Ch., Fall River, Mass.
" 23, 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, Mass. Evg., Preached at St. Thomas' Church, East Somerville, Mass.
" 28, Fri., Aft., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary, at Church of Our Saviour, Chicago, Ill.
" 30, 22D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., Addressed the Sunday School. Evg., Preached at St. James' Church, same.
" 31, Mon., A. M., Addressed the Clericus, at St. Louis. Evg., Addressed the Church Club, same.
Nov. 1, Tues., All Saints' Day, Assisted at Celebration, All Saints' Cathedral, St. Louis.
" 2, Wed., A. M., Addressed the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri, at Cathedral. Evg., Addressed Choir Reunion, Cathedral, St. Louis.
" 6, 23D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., and P. M., Preached at Christ Church, Corning, N. Y.
" 8, Tues., Evg., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary of Central Penn., at St. John's Church, York, Pa.
" 9, Wed., Evg., Addressed same, at same place.
" 10, Thurs., Attended Meeting Board of Missions, New York, N. Y.
" 13, 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass. Evg., Officiated and preached at St. Stephen's Church, Lynn, Mass.
" 14, Mon., A. M. Assisted in the Consecration of Rev. F. L. Roots, as Missionary Bishop of Hankow, at Emmanuel Church, Boston, Mass.
" 20, 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Informal Service and preached on Steamer "Coamo."
" 24, THANKSGIVING DAY. A. M., Preached at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, P. R.
" 26, Sat. Received, by Letter Dimissory, Rev. Walter Mitchell, from Diocese of Missouri.
" 27, 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M. and P. M., Prayers in the Oratory.
" 27, " " " Set forth a Prayer for Peace in the Orient.
" 29, Tues., Celebrated and Preached, A. M. and P. M., Holy Trinity Church, Ponce. Evg., Attended a Vestry meeting, same. Baptized a Child, same Church.
Dec. 4, 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Prayers in the Oratory. P. M., Spanish Sunday School, St. John the Bapt., San Juan.
" 11, 3D SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Officiated and preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Aft., Spanish SS. San Juan.

Dec. 18, 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Preached at San Juan, Church of St. John the Bapt. Aft., Spanish SS. same. Evg., Preached at the Methodist Mission, San Juan.
" 25, CHRISTMAS DAY. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 29, Thurs. Corporate Communion of Missionaries, at the Oratory. 1905.
Jan. 1, THE CIRCUMCISION. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 3, Wed. Evg., Preached at All Saints' Church, Vieques.
" 4, Thurs., Vieques. Arranged question of Property.
" 8, 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 10, San Juan, Benediction at Opening of Legislative Assembly.
" 15, 2D SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. A. M., Prayers at the Oratory. Aft., Spanish SS., San Juan.
" 22, 3D SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. Preached Holy Trinity Church, Ponce.
" 24, Tues., A. M., and P. M., Examination for Deacon's Orders.
" 25, Wed., Conversion of St. Paul. A. M., Celebration, Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. Examination. Evg., Preached at San Pedro, the Playa, Ponce.
" 26, Thurs., Evg., Address and Confirmation in Spanish, at San Tomás Mission, Ponce.
" 29, 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. A. M., Celebrated, Baptized 22, Married eleven couples, Confirmed 36. Aft., Preached, La Carmelita, St. Mary's Spanish Mission.
" 31, Tues., Evg., Prayers and Address at Organization Woman's Auxiliary, Ponce.
Feb. 1, Wed., Memorial Celebration Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, In memoriam, Mrs. Fernando Toro.
" 2, FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION. A. M., Ordained to the Diaconate, Mr. Leonard Read, at Holy Trinity Church, Ponce. Preached.
" 3, Fri., A. M., Holy Communion, and Sermon, Aguirre.
" 5, 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. On the sea, en route for San Juan.
" 12, 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. P. M. Spanish SS. San Juan.
" 19, SEPTUAGESIMA. A. M., Celebration in Spanish, at St. John's Church, San Juan.
" 26, SEXAGESIMA. A. M., Preached at Unveiling of Memorial Window, Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.
Mar. 5, QUINQUAGESIMA. A. M., Spanish Celebration, Holy Communion at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.
" 6, Monday, A. M., Burial Service, at Hato Rey.
" 8, ASH-WEDNESDAY. A. M., Officiated and preached at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 10, Fri. P. M., Lecture, St. John's Church, San Juan.
" 12, 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT. Missionary Visit in Bayamon District.
" 15, Wed. Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 17, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.

Mar. 19, 2D SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Spanish Celebration of Holy Communion, St. John's, San Juan. P. M., Baptized 2 at Oratory.
" 22, Wed., Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 24, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.
" 26, 3D SUNDAY IN LENT. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 29, Wed., Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 31, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.
Apr. 2, 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Spanish Celebration Holy Communion, St. John's, San Juan. Later, Confirmation of 12, and Celebration in English, same. P. M., Baptized 1 at Oratory, Spanish.
" 6, Thurs., Preached, P. M., Holy Trinity, Ponce.
" 7, P. M., Burial Service, Holy Trinity, Ponce.
" 6, 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Preached at St. Andrew's, Mayagüez.
" 12, Wed., P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 14, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan. Confirmed 1.
" 16, PALM SUNDAY. A. M., Spanish Celebration, St. John's, San Juan.
" 19, Wed., P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 21, GOOD FRIDAY. A. M., Prayers at Oratory. P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 23, EASTER DAY. A. M., Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra. Later, Celebration, St. John's, San Juan.
" 26, P. M., Marriage at All Saints' Church, Vieques.
" 30, 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Prayers at Oratory.
May 7, 2D SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. A. M., Spanish Service, St. John's, San Juan. Later, On board U. S. Training Ship, "Prairie", Preached and confirmed 13.

## APPENDIX III.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*La Carmelita, Ponce.*—St. Mary the Virgin. Work begun Sept. 14, 1904. Rev. William Watson, Rector. J. VanLeenhoff, Treasurer.

Statistics.—Baptized persons, 500. Communicants, about 150. Sunday School: Teachers, 3; pupils, uncertain. Parochial school: Teachers, 1; pupils, average 15. Baptisms, 67. Confirmations, 36. Marriages, 11. Average attendance, 100.

*Mayagüez.*—St. Andrew's Mission. Work begun March 1st, 1905. Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals, 20. Baptized persons, 13. Communicants: Admitted, 5; present number, 5. Average attendance, 17. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $7.36. Total contributions, $7.36. Aid received, $148.25 (exclusive of salary).

*Ponce.*—Holy Trinity Church. Report from Sept. 1st, 1904. Rev. William Watson, Rector. Fernando Toro and Julius Umbach, Wardens. A. B. Marvin, Treasurer. W. V. Robbins, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 300. Baptized persons, 300. Communicants: died, 4; removed, 20; present number, 100. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 30. Parish school: Teachers, 1; pupils, 40. Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Average attendance, 60. Church property, $10,000. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $177.28; Communion alms, $21.16; Missions, $21; furnishing Church, $42; Nashotah House, $30; disabled Clergy, $5; total contributions, $346.44. Aid received, $350 (exclusive of salary).

Missions are carried on also at the Playa (San Pedro Mission), and in the western part of the town (San Tomás Mission). At Aguirre, services have been held, and a Mission School at Esperanza, near La Carmelita.

*Puerta de Tierra.*—St. Luke's Mission. From Dec. 11, 1904. Rev Walter Mitchell, Minister in Charge; Box 391, San Juan. D. Shervington, Pres't. Finance Committee. Paul P. Keen, Treasurer. Napoleon F. John, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 43. Baptized persons, about 43. Communicants: received, 2; removed, 5; present number, 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 2; pupils, 15. Baptisms, 6. Marriages, 1. Average attendance 14. Church property, about $275. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $16.38; Missions, $15.27; Organ, $35; total contributions, $66.65. Aid received, $50 (six months).

*San Juan.*—Church of St. John the Baptist. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector; Box 391, San Juan. J. D. H. Luce and Henry W. Dooley, Wardens. Albert E. Lee, Treasurer. E. N. Clopper, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 140. Baptized persons, 140. Communicants: received, 2; admitted, 13; died, 1; removed, 2: present number, 105. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 27. Baptisms, 4. Confirmations, 13. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Average attendance, 44. Church property, $35,000. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $1463.52; Communion alms, $49.34; Missions, $176.03; American Church Building Fund, $18.12; total contributions, $1810.32. Aid received, $800 (toward salary).

*Vieques.*—All Saints' Church. Rev. Joseph N. Bean, Rector. Cain Callwood and Isaiah Joseph, Wardens. L. Guy, Treasurer. John Sprott, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 400. Baptized persons, 350. Communicants: admitted, 5; received, 6; died, 6; present number, 99. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; pupils, 150. Baptisms, 4. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Average attendance, 75. Church property, $2500. Contributions: Communion alms, $10; Missions, $2.50; disabled Clergy, $6.75; total contributions, $19.25.

Note:—Since the above Report, Mr. Bean has retired, and Rev. Leonard Read has been appointed Minister in Charge.

Summary.

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| Parishes and Missions | 10 |
| Clergy | 6 |
| Communicants | 479 |
| Sunday School Teachers | 19 |
| " " Pupils | 222 |
| Parish School Teachers | 4 |
| " " Pupils | 150 |
| Baptisms | 89 |
| Confirmations | 54 |
| Marriages | 18 |
| Burials | 12 |
| Total of Contributions | $2250.02 |

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## RECAPITULATION.

Officers.

*Bishop.*—The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D. (Consecrated June 24, 1902.)

*Chancellor*—The Hon. James H. MacLeary, San Juan.

*Secretary*—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre.

*Treasurer*—Mr. George T. Waymouth, San Juan.

*Registrar*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan.

*Standing Committee*—The Rev. William Watson, Ponce, Chairman; the Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan; Mr. George L. Nelson; Mr. W. V. Robbins; Mr. George T. Waymouth.

Clergy Canonically Resident.

The Right Reverend James Heartt VanBuren, D.D., San Juan.
The Rev. Joseph N. Bean, non-parochial.
The Rev. David W. Bland, Minister-in-charge St. Andrew's Mission, Mayagüez.
The Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.
The Rev. Leonard Read, Minister-in-charge All Saints' Church, Vieques.
The Rev. Z. Vall Spinoza, non-parochial.
The Rev. William Watson, Rector Holy Trinity Church, Ponce.

Lay Readers.

Mr. A. E. Horton, Ponce.
Mr. W. V. Robbins, Ponce.
Major Lippitt, San Juan.
Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan.
Dr. W. N. Berkeley, San Juan.

Parish Helper.

Miss Sarah R. Davidson, Ponce.

Teachers.

Miss Frances Cuddy, Principal of Parochial School, Ponce.
Miss Minnie L. Fordham, Principal of Mission School, La Carmelita, Ponce.
Miss Anna M. Reed, Principal of Parochial School, San Juan.
Dolores Quiñones, Assistant, San Juan.

Note:—Since this report, Miss Elizabeth Woodruff has been appointed at San Juan, in place of Miss Reed, who has resigned. Also Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, has become the Parish Helper there.

# APPENDIX IV.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PUERTO RICO.

*Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.*

1 At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2 At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3 Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4 Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5 Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6 A constitutional quorum being present, in both Orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7 The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(a) The Chancellor.

(b) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.

(c) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(d) A Committee on Unfinished Business.

(e) A Committee on Nominations.

(f) The Standing Committee.

(g) The Auditing Committee of three.

8 The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9 Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10 Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11 At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.—

(a) Treasurer.

(b) Registrar.

(c) Delegates to the General Convention (in convention years).

(d) Committee on Constitutions and Canons (see Canon 13) to consist of two clergymen and one layman.

(e) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.

(f) Other elections, if there are any.

12 At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.
13 Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.
14 Reports and action on them as follows:
   (a) By the Treasurer.
   (b) By the Registrar.
   (c) By the President of the Standing Committee.
   (d) By the Chancellor.
   (e) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
   (f) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
   (g) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.
   (h) By any Special Committee appointed at the preceding Convocation.
15 Miscellaneous business.
16 Adjournment to the second day.

*Order of Business Second Day of the Convocation.*

17 Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.
18 Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.
19 The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.
20 Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.
21 Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.
22 At 2.30 p. m., Miscellaneous business.
23 Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day; unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(a) To lay on the table.
(b) To postpone to a fixed time.
(c) To postpone indefinitely.
(d) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(e) To commit.
(f) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The president shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the president's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the president, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way nor the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

SUPPLEMENT.

Schedule for the Disbursement of the Appropriation to the

PORTO RICAN MISSION

for the fiscal year beginning September 1st, 1905,
and ending August 31st, 1906,
Made by the Board of Missions at its Meeting of May 9th, 1905.

| Item | | Annual Rate in U. S. Gold Dollars. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Bishop's Salary | $3,000 |
| 2 | " " Official travelling expenses within the Missionary District up to | 300 |
| 3 | The Bishop's Discretionary Fund | 400 |
| 4 | The Rev. David W. Bland, Mayagüez | 1,200 |
| 5 | The Rev. David W. Bland, House Rent and the running expenses of the Mission, Mayagüez, at the discretion of the Bishop | 520 |
| 6 | The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan | 800[1] |
| 7 | The Rev. Wm. Watson, Ponce | 1,200 |
| 8 | The Rev. Leonard Read, Vieques | 600 |
| 9 | The Rev. J. N. Bean, Vieques (half pension) | 150 |
| 10 | Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce | 800 |
| 11 | Miss Minnie L. Fordham, La Carmelita, Ponce | 600 |
| 12 | Miss Anna M. Reed[2] San Juan | 800 |
| 13 | Miss Sarah R. Davidson[2] Parish Worker, Ponce | 300 |
| 14 | Dolores Quiñones, Native Assistant, San Juan | 180 |
| 15 | School Expenses at San Juan (10 months at $15) | 150 |
| 16 | School Expenses, Ponce, (10 months at $25) | 250 |
| 17 | School Expenses at La Carmelita (10 months at $15) | 150 |
| 18 | For Rent of Church building, Puerta de Tierra | 100 |
| | | $11,500 |

E. & O. E.
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, May 10th, 1905.

A true copy,

Attest:

JOSHUA KIMBER,
*Associate Secretary.*

[1] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

[2] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering of 1904.

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## Notice of the Meeting of Convocation.

Ponce, P. R., April 17, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the Second Annual Meeting of the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, 1906.

The Convocation will begin with the corporate celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a. m., to be followed by the business of the Convocation as set forth in the Order of Business adopted at the meeting of 1905. (See Journal, 1905. p. 34.)

It is expected that each parish and mission will be represented by the clergyman in charge and by two lay delegates, elected by the parish or mission, or else appointed by the clergyman.

All officers of the District are entitled to seats and votes, ex officio. Written or verbal reports are expected from them, and from all teachers and other workers.

The offerings at all services of the Convocation are devoted to the work of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society.

Hospitality will be provided. Please notify the Rector, Rev. Harvey P. Walter, of your intention to be present, at earliest convenience.

Faithfully yours,

Jas. H. Van Buren,

*Bishop of Puerto Rico.*

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Holy Trinity Church,
Ponce, Puerto Rico.
Tuesday, May 8th, 1906, 8.30 o'clock, a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, the present Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. William Watson, the preceding Rector. The Rev. Walter Mitchell preached the sermon, taking for his text the concluding verses of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The offertory was appropriated for the work of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, outside of Puerto Rico.

9.45 o'clock, a. m.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed, and it was, upon motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter,

*Resolved*, That the nominations be closed, and that the President be requested to cast one ballot for Mr. George L. Nelson for Secretary of this Convocation.

The President reported that he had done so.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation from the list provided by the Bishop as follows, (the names of those not present are printed in italics):—

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. *Joseph N. Bean*
The Rev. *David W. Bland*
The Rev. Walter Mitchell
The Rev. Leonard Read
The Rev. Harvey P. Walter
The Rev. William Watson

Total number of clergymen, 7. Present 5; absent 2.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSION, AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM TEE SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):—

| *Place.* | *Parish or Mission.* | *Lay Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Mayagüez, | San Andrés, | *José Román.* |
| | | *G. Monefeldt.* |
| Ponce, | Holy Trinity, | *W. V. Robbins.* |
| | | George L. Nelson. |
| Puerta de Tierra, | St. Luke's, | *Napoleon F. John.* |
| | | Richard Harper. |
| San Juan, | St. John the Baptist, | T. G. I. Waymouth. |
| | | *Henry W. Dooley.* |
| Vieques, | All Saints', | *Cain Callwood.* |
| | | *John Sprott.* |

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 10 delegates. Present 3; absent 7.

There being no quorum present, it was, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

*Resolved.* That the Convocation adjourn until 10:30 o'clock, A. M.

Upon reassembling at 10.30 o'clock, the President appointed as a

*Committee on Qualifications.*

The Rev. LEONARD READ, MR. RICHARD HARPER.

A quorum being present, the President declared the Convocation organized for business, and announced the following appointments:—

*Chancellor.*

Hon. JAMES H. MCLEARY.

*Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND, MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*

MR. W. V. ROBBINS, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.

*Committee on Nominations.*

The Rev. HARVEY P. WALTER, MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.
MR. W. V. ROBBINS.

*The Standing Committee.*

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.
The Rev. HARVEY P. WALTER, MR. W. V. ROBBINS.
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

*Auditing Commitee.*

MR. J. D. H. LUCE, MR. ALBERT E. LEE,
Rev. WALTER MITCHELL.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to investigate the question of a Spanish Hymnal and a uniform translation of the Scriptures.

The President appointed as such Committee,

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND,
The Rev. LEONARD READ.

The Bishop stated that there are two versions of the Bible in common use in Spanish countries, one the version of Cypriano de Valera, and the other the Versio Moderna. Of these the former is considered superior, although it is claimed that the latter is a more accurate traslation, its fault being that the language is less dignified.

He also stated that it was unfortunate that we have a book of the chants and canticles which does not conform to the present version of the Prayer Book nor to the former one, these two also being unlike one another. He had prepared a Hymnal of two hundred hymns, his wife having helped in the work, but he had been unable to have it printed, on account of the expense involved.

As the Committee on Nominations had had no time to make up their report, upon motion of the Secretary, it was

*Resolved*. That the Convocation suspend the regular order of business and take up Miscellaneons Business.

The Secretary then stated that he had received a circular letter from the Rt. Rev. Davis Sessums, Bishop of Louisiana, Chairman of a Sub-Committee of the General Convention, appointed in reference to a Memorial upon

the "Canon on Special Missionary Bishops", which he expected to present to the Convocation the following day.

On motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth Chairman of the Committee on the Men's United Thank Offering.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter stated that the ladies of the parish wished to entertain the members of the Convocation in the new panish building and school rooms which have lately been added to the rectory.

The Bishop gave notice that he intended to hold a short service of dedication in the new parish rooms at 5 o'clock P. M., and also said that arrangements had been made to have a group picture taken at noon, of the members of the Convocation and church workers present.

Upon motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Convocation adjourn till 2.30 o'clock P. M.

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2·30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order and announced the list of officers and committees to be elected.

The Committee on Nominations reported as fallows:

*For Treasurer*,

MR. H. M. PRUDEN.

*For Registrar*,

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL.

*For Committee on Constitution and Canons*,

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND.

*For Committee on Episcopal Support.*

Hon. LAURENCE GRAHAME. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY,

Rev. LEONARD READ.

There being no other nominations, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cast one ballot in favor of the nominees of the Comittee on Nominations.

The Secretary accordingly cast one ballot as instructed and announced that the gentlemen who had been nominated had been elected.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

*Resolved*, That the regular order of business be suspended and that the Reports of Officers and Committees be now taken up,

The President thereupon called for reports which were made as follows.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Gentlemen.* I have the honor of submitting the following account of the amounts which have been expended during the past year, shewing a balance of 93 cents unappropriated.

I estimate that a similar amount will be required for the present Convocation and recommend that provision be made for the same.

Yours Respectfully.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
Treasurer.

### ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

| | |
|---|---|
| May 9, 1905.—To Alms from Communion Service during Convocation | $ 7.70 |
| Id 18, & Dec 12.—To Amt. supplied by the Bishop from Church Funds for Mimeograph work and printing | 85.43 |
| Apl 21, 1906,—To Alms received from St. Luke's Church at Pta. de Tierra | 93 |
| | $ 94.06 |
| May 16, 1905.—By remitted to Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church in the U. S. of America, to be applied to General Missions | $ 7.70 |
| Id 18.—By paid Miss Wilhelmina L. Test, for Mimeograph work and paper for Convocation | 6.75 |
| Dec 18.—By Cost of printing the Convocation Journal and Mailing Same as follows, | |
| Newspaper Wrappers for 191 copies | 4.10 |
| 500 copies of the Journal | 69.50 |
| 4 hours alteration in proofs | 2.80 |
| Postage on 2 Bundles to Miss. House | 28 |
| Wrapping 209 copies for Mail | 1.05 |
| Addressing 191 Wrappers | 95 |
| By Balance | 93 |
| | $94.06 |

To Balance..... $ 0.93.

San Juan, P. R. May 5th 1906.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.
TREASURER.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

*To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.*

I have received Journals from about one half of the Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, and have written to the Registrars of all those whose Journals have not been received. I have also received copies of the catalogues of some of the Church schools and colleges. All these have been placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER MITCHELL, Registrar.

May 8, 1906.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

San Juan, Porto Rico, 5th May, 1906.

Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D.
Bishop of Porto Rico,
Ponce, P. R.

Rt. Rev. Sir:—

I have received notification to attend the Convocation on the 8th day of the present month, to be held in the City of Ponce, and very much regret to say that on account of my judicial duties it is impossible to conform to said notice.

My duties as your Chancellor have scarcely been of sufficient importance to demand a report at my hands, but I take pleasure in saying that light as they have been, they were pleasant, and very cheerfully performed. I have been called upon in several instances to give legal advice, verbal and written, in regard to matters concerning the Churches and the Diocese, and have performed that duty to the best of my ability. It is a pleasure to render any service to the Church or the Diocese in Porto Rico, and I hope you will always find me ready to comply with such demands as you may choose to make upon me.

I am, Rt. Rev. Sir,

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

J. H. MCLEARY.
Chancellor.

*The Committee on Episcopal Support.*

NO REPORT.

*The Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*

NO REPORT.

The Bishop stated that the report of the Committee on Finance was included in the Treasurer's Report.

*Report of Committee on Subscriptions to The Spirit of Missions.*

(Appointed at previous Convocation.)

*To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:*

Your Committee reports that it felt that interest in the magazine could be best aroused through the Woman's Auxiliary, and to that end, at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, one agent was elected in each branch to solicit subscriptions, and others will be appointed in those places where the Woman's Auxiliary has no branch.

Respecfully submitted.

WALTER MITCHELL, Chairman.

*Report of the work at Mayagüez.*
(See Appendix III)

*Report of the work at Vieques.*
(See Appendix III)

*Report of Deaconess Weidensee, San Juan.*
(See Appendix III)

*Report of Miss Davidson, Ponce.*
(See Appendix III)

*Report of Parish School, San Juan.*
(See Appendix III)

*Report of Parish School, Ponce.*
(See Appendix III)

At 3.15 o'clock, P. M. the Bishop delivered his Annual Address.

(See Appendix I)

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

*Resolved*, That that part of the Bishop's Address relative to the apportionment of the Board of Missions be referred to a Commitee appointed by the Chair, for special consideration.

The President appointed as such

*Committee on the Apportionment.*

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, The Rev. HARVEY P. WALTER.
The Rev. LEONARD READ, The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND.

In the absence of the President of the Standing Committee, the Secretary of the same, at the Bishop's request, read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

*To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:*

The Standing Committee has met twice during the past year. At the first meeting which was held in San Juan, May 9th 1905, the Committee organized with the Rev. William Watson as President and Mr. George L. Nelson as Secretary.

The advisability of shortening the canonical time of the Rev. Leonard Read's Diaconate, in view of the needs of the Church at Vieques, was discussed. It was decided that it would not be advisable.

The second meeting was held in Ponce, on Feb. 14th, 1906, at which the Rev. Leonard Read was recommended to the Bishop to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests.

For the Standing Committee,
GEORGE L. NELSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PUERTO RICAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

*To the Convocation:*

On the 25th of February of this year (1906) the Bishop asked me to act as Mrs. Van Buren's deputy as Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Puerto Rico, during her illness and consequent absence from the Island.

Since that time very little has been done. I have received the semi-annual contribution of the mite-boxes for the Triennial Offering from the three Branches, amounting to $28.40, which I have forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the receipt for which has been received and placed on file. I have also received $2.75 annual dues paid by the Branch of St. John the Baptist, San

Juan, to the Secretary of the Missionary Jurisdiction, which will be applied to the amount Puerto Rico is asked to give this year toward the annual contribution of $100,000 for the general work of the Board of Missions. Last year this Missionary District gave $15.00 toward this pledge, and this year we are asked to give $25.00. This amount will be sent in before September.

On the first Sunday in August last year a Branch was organized at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, with fourteen members. And on last Sunday, May the 6th, a Junior Branch to the Woman's Auxiliary was organized at the same place, with 11 members.

We have now two Branches (the Ponce Branch having been reported discontinued) 27 members, 8 parochial and one diocesan officer; and one Junior Branch with 11 members and a Director.

Respectfully submitted,

SUE B. MITCHELL,
Acting Secretary.

Mr. Richard Harper made a verbal report of the work accomplished at St. Luke's Mission at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell made a verbal report on the work at San Juan.

The Rev Harvey P. Walter said that he had come to Ponce too recently to be able to make a report on the work there.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell, as Chairman, read the following resolution as the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPORTIONMENT.

*Whereas*, For the last two years the apportionment for this District has been $50 per year, and

*Whereas*, For both years the District has sent to the Board of Missions more than three times that amount, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convocation that the apportionment for the next year should be increased to at least $100: and be it further

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convocation that all Easter offerings taken in the District should be sent to the Board

of Missions, over and above the apportionment, as a special thank offering to Almighty God for His many mercies to the District.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.*

Your Committee, recognizing the fact that the Sunday School is, or should be, the most important auxiliary of the Church, hopes to be able, if permitted, to recommend later a uniform system of instruction, embodyng teaching the Catechism, Prayer Book, History of the Church, and missionary information, all to lead to teaching the Bible.

The Committee desires to elevate the Sunday School to the basis and dignity of the day School, and to enlist the interest of the parents to this end.

The dificulty of arranging the course to meet the needs of the three classes of children,—American, Puerto Rican, and colored, under our care is apparent.

For the reasons given verbally the Committee will not be able to make a more detailed report until the next Convocation.

The questions appended hereto, compiled by the Rev. W. E. Cox, chairman of a similar committee of the Diocese of East Carolina, were, with a few changes to meet the local situation, adopted by this Committee.

INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE MISSIONARY JURISDICTION OF PUERTO RICO.

To the Sunday School Superintendents:

At the last meeting of our Convocation held in May, 1905, a committee composed of Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rev. Leonard Read, and Mr. H. W. Dooley was appointed to ascertain the state of the Sunday Schools in the Jurisdiction and report the same to our next Convocation to be held in Ponce, May 1906. In pursuance of its duty and

with a view to getting the necessary information, this Committee has arranged a series of questions pertaining to our Sunday Schools as follows; and you are earnestly requested to write under each question the desired information about your Sunday School and return both questions and answers at your earliest convenience to

Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, Chr. Com., San Juan, P. R.

NOTE 1.—If you wish to answer any question more fully than the space under that question will permit, write on separate sheets, numbering each answer same as question.

NOTE 2.—If you have no Sunday School state that fact and give reasons for it; then answer questions 1, 2, 16.

QUESTIONS.

1 Name and place of Parish or Mission?.....
2 How many Church families or families with Church connections in your Parish or Mission?.....
3 Name and address of your Sunday School Supt ?.....
4 What other officers do you have?.....
5 How many teachers? (a) Male.....(b) Female.....
6 Haw many pupils on the roll? (a) Male.....
(b) Female.....
7 What is the average attendance?.....
8 What service do you use for opening and closing?.....
9 Does your Rector attend Sunday School?.....
10 Are Teachers' Meetings held, and what other methods do you have for training and preparing your teachers?.....
11 Do you provide reference books for teachers?.....
12 What methods have you for securing attendance at Sunday School?.....
13 Do you give rewards for attendance?.....
If so, what?.....
14 What proportion of the scholars in the School are above the age of seventeen?.....
15 To what extent do the adult members of the Parish attend SundaySchool?.....
16 What efforts do you make to interest parents in the work of the School, and what response do you find?...

17 What lesson system are you using, and why do you prefer that system of instruction?.....

18 Do you have an advanced Bible class?.....

19 To what extent and in what way do you teach the Church Catechism?.....

20 To what extent and in what way do you teach Church History, and the cardinal principles of Church Doctrine? .....

21 How is your school graded?.....

22 Have you a Sunday School Library?.....How many volumes?.....
To what extent is it used?.....

23 Do you take Sunday School papers?.....What papers?.....

24 How do you interest your School in Missions?.....

25 Do you have a special Children's Service?.....

26 How is the financial support of your Sunday School provided?.....

27 What proportion of your scholars attend the Services of the Church?.....

28 What do you consider the principal difficulties in your Sunday School work, and in what way do you think those difficulties can be remedied?.....

29 Have you any suggestion to offer as to the work of this Committee?.....

Thereupon, on motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools be accepted and the Committee be continued for another year.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell presented the following resolution:

*Whereas*, Mrs. Van Buren has been for almost a year obliged to absent herself from Puerto Rico on account of her health, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That a message of cheer be sent to her by this Convocation, and that the Bishop be assured of our heartfelt sympathy and of our hope that she may soon be restored to health and to her place in Puerto Rico.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and to the ladies of Holy Trinity Parish for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved*, That after prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

Upon motion of the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

*Resolved*, That the place and time of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

The minutes of the Convocation were then read, corrected and approved, and after Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned without day.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
President of the Convocation.

Attest.
GEORGE L. NELSON, Secretary.

## APPENDIX I

### Address at the Second Annual Convocation of the District of Puerto Rico, by the Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D. D.

*Delivered in Holy Trinity Church, May 8, 1906. Ponce, P. R.*

Brethren Beloved in the Lord:—I pray that God's abundant blessings may rest upon you and upon all who love our Lord in sincerity and in truth.

We meet once more in Convocation, to offer the tribute of our thanks to God for what things He has permitted us to be instrumental in accomplishing for Him during the year that is past, to take counsel for further advance, and to encourage one another by fraternal words of cheer.

Several changes have taken place among our number, which should first be mentioned.

The Rev. Z. Vall-Spinoza, who had been for a number of years non-parochial, has died. So quiet and retired was his life that comparatively few people knew that he was a priest of the Church. He is remembered however in Ponce, as having been at one time rector of Holy Trinity Church. He was reported to me last fall, as being ill in St. Luke's Hospital, New York. I visited him there and he talked of a return to active work after he had made a visit to Spain, his native country. From that visit however he did not return. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and to his children.

This is the only death among our clergy. Of the laity, however, I must make mention of the death of one whose long continued services had been marked by faithful and earnest devotion. As a member of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, Mr. Lohse was beloved by his associates, as a member of the consular service he was always spoken of in the highest terms, and as a citizen of this his adopted country, he has left a name which stands

for the best in our civic life. To his bereaved family, whose departure for their home-land beyond the sea has left a deep and lasting regret in our hearts, we extend the assurance of our profoundest sympathy, and of our prayers that God Himself may be to them a Father and a never-failing comfort.

To these we add the names of any and all who during the year that is past have been called to mourn, and offer at this time the customary prayers. (Collect for All Saints' and Prayers from the Burial Office.)

Other changes in our ranks we note as follows. The Rev. Wm. Watson, for some three years the beloved rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, has been obliged to give up clerical work, by reason of a throat affection of long standing, and has entered upon secular employment at Central Aguirre, where the qualities which endeared him to his people in Ponce are winning for him new friendships. Our very best wishes attend him. His resignation took effect upon the arrival of his successor in the rectorship, the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, who entered upon his new field in March last past, bringing with him the affectionate regrets of his former parish in Pittston, Pa., and manifesting by his earnest devotion and sound learning his fitness to take up the charge which has been entrusted to him. We extend to him our hearty welcome, and to his family not only a welcome, but all the best wishes of our hearts for a happy and contented life in Puerto Rico.

The Rev. Leonard Read, who been acting, while a Deacon, as Minister in Charge of All Saints' Church, Vieques, was advanced by me to the Sacred Order of Priests, in Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, on Feb. 15, last, the Rev. Wm. Watson and the Rev. F. Caunt, a former rector of the Parish, uniting in the laying-on-of-hands. Mr. Read carries with him to Vieques, the same consecrated spirit and activity of service which had already made him so well-beloved in Ponce. He has won the confidence of his new flock, and they recognize in him a true, earnest and faithful pastor, as was to have been expected by all who knew him.

It is expected that there will be several additions to our ranks in the not distant future, as I have made application to the Board of Missions, for appointments to the charge of St. Mary's, La Carmelita; at Culebra where land is offered for a church, and at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, at which latter place the Rev. Walter Mitchell of San Juan, has been giving freely of his service. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, has been appointed to the charge of St. Luke's and is to arrange for such occasional services at Candelaria, in the Bayamon District, as the distance will permit, with a view to organizing the work there and securing a church building for the land which has been generously offered. At Puerta de Tierra also it is hoped to secure a building site and erect a church as soon as means will allow.

At Mayagüez, where, for more than a year, the Rev. David W. Bland has been carrying on, with most gratifying success, the only exclusively Spanish work we have in the Island, a parish school has been begun, Srta. Matilde Martinez having been appointed as teacher, who, under the guidance of the rector, is bringing forward the school to such a degree, that it will soon become necessary to institute a higher grade of studies and secure another teacher.

Miss Minnie L. Fordham has been transferred to Ponce from La Carmelita, where she had been doing pioneer work of great value. She is at work in the parish school in Ponce, with Miss Cuddy, where it is expected that the new building will be instrumental in making it possible for the work to grow as it never could, in the limited quarters in which Miss Cuddy has been faithfully at work under great disadvantages.

We are to lose the services of Miss Woodruff, and Miss Weidensee at San Juan; Miss Davidson, of Ponce, is appointed to duty at Vieques. To all of these we offer our thankful recognition of services rendered, and our best wishes for the future, wherever the hand of Providence may lead them.

These are all the changes in our working forces—up to the present time, with the sole exception of the Rev. Mr.

Bean, at Vieques, who, in his retirement, now completed by the appointment of Rev. Mr. Read to the full rectorship, sets us all an example of cheerful patience, in his blindness, and teaches us again to remember, when active service is denied us, that "They also serve who only stand and wait."

And yet it must not be thought that we are unmindful of that long, daily growing longer, list of fellow-labourers, both men and women, who in various capacities, help us in the parish, on the committee, in the Sunday School, choir, and in other organized and individual spheres, wherein Christians may hear and obey the call, "Go work in my vineyard."

The past year has not witnessed many changes in our machinery and appliances, but those which have taken place, are in the way of additions, and they are important. At Mayagüez we have acquired, by renting, a newly fitted and commodious school; at La Carmelita we have a lease pending signature, wherby we secure for ninety-nine years, a large tract of land, admirably situated for future posibilities in the way of mission buildings, a part of the land having already been fenced off and set apart by consecration for the purposes of a burial ground. Steps are also being taken for the transfer to the Board of Missions as trustees, of another generous gift of some four or five acres of land at Candelaria, in the Bayamon district, already mentioned, where it is hoped to place a Church, a school and a rectory some day, within the near future.

The most notable addition to our equipment however, is the new school and parish hall, here in this parish of the Holy Trinity, Ponce. The rectory has been moved back from the street, and raised to a height sufficient to permit these valuable adjuncts to the parochial efficiency to be placed underneath the rectory, which has thus been rendered doubly valuable as a residence. The expense of renting a school building is stopped, and the inconvenience of housing the guild in the rectory is removed. All this has been accomplished at an outlay of a little over $3,500., the contribution of generous friends in the States,

through the Puerto Rico Equipment and Church Extension Funds.

The local Committee on the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, soon to be erected in the western suburbs of Ponce, has been actively at work all winter, perfecting the design and placing the building contract. Plans for the Hospital, submitted from various sources, have been attentively considered, and those of Mr. Manuel V. Domenech, of Ponce, chosen as by far the most artistic and best adapted to carry out the purposes of a thoroughly modern and well-appointed hospital. It is proposed to erect as much of this design as the funds in hand will allow; and it is believed that, once under way, this institution will be one in which all Churchmen will take satisfaction, and that it will prove at once an ornament and a blessing to the city and vicinity of Ponce. Its benefits will be restricted to no race or creed, but it will be open to the sick who need it, without distinction, and it will do as much free and charitable work for the healing of the poor, as its means and facilities will permit.

No feature of our work presents greater difficulty than that of making known our message in the language of the people. That we have a message which the people of Puerto Rico need to hear is abundantly evident; that they will hear and receive our message, providing we can overcome the barrier of language is made clear by our experience at La Carmelita and at Mayagüez. In these places the only apparent limit to the Church's effectiveness is the limit of human strength, financial resources and equipment.

In view of the tokens, it becomes more and more urgently our duty to acquire facility in the use of the Spanish tongue. We should not permit ourselves to be content with "just enough Spanish to get along with." Familiarity with the Spanish grammar should be followed by constant practice with the natives in conversation, an acquaintance with the best Spanish writers both classic and contemporary, a correct pronunciation, and indeed a habit of literally "thinking in Spanish." This is a work which will doubtless require years for its perfect accomplish-

ment, and it will often find us in a discouraged frame of mind. But when it is remembered how many people of Puerto Rican birth have acquired good English by a few years of residence in the States, it should encourage us to believe that we can acquire equal fluency in the far less difficult language of this Island. Success in this study will lead to such appreciation of our efforts as will find expression in the words of the Pentecostal birthday of the Catholic Church, "We do hear them speak in our own tongue wherein we were born, the wonderful things of God."

But we shall not have to wait for perfect knowledge of the Castilian language, to see the fruits of our ministry, if we will but speak to the hearts of the people by means of kindness and love unfeigned, in the well-understood though unwritten language of the Christian life and conduct and character. This is a light which cannot be hidden even under the strangeness of an alien tongue.

Our Saviour said, concerning the dominant religious system of the time in which His ministry was spent ,"I am not come to destroy the works of the law, but to fulfil." In a similar spirit we are here, not to antagonize that imperfect form of catholicity which we find in evidence here, but to fulfil its imperfections, by ministering to all who will recive them, the pure word and sacraments of the gospel. Not to destroy the portion of the truth which the people already possess, but to fulfil that which is lacking. Where the materialistic philosophy of the mediaeval scholastics has combined with the Tridentine decrees to diminish the spiritual significance of creed and sacrament and dogma, it is our privilege, as members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; to fulfil and translate into life and language, the manifold grace and wisdom of God. By patient explanation of the name Protestant Episcopal, as our legal designation, and by showing to the intelligent people of this Island, that one must be a protestant against error and oppression, in order to be truly catholic, we not only disarm criticism but justify our claim that we possess all that belongs to every system of Christian fellowship, so far as it is true and right and

that our errors are not inherent in our Church, but in our own imperfect and limited apprehension of the greatness of the Church which is the one unbroken body of Christ, the blessed company of all faithful people.

Another feature of our work which presses on the conscience of every right-minded missionary, is the fact that we are to such an extent dependent for support on the gifts of our brethren of the Church in the home land. Entire self-support cannot be expected for a long time to come; but it should be our concern to ask as little outside aid as our circumstances will permit, to practice such economy as may be consistent with the effective presentation of our worship and our work, remembering that it was in the days when the Church was poor, that it was "making many rich," and that when it had nothing, it was still "posseessing all things." It should be remembered that the Board of Missions is not a depository of unlimited resources, from which people have a right to draw who are able to meet the expenses attending the ministrations of the Church. It is simply the organized and authorized agency for applying the offerings of the Church for the extension of the Kingdom of God in places where that Kingdom is weak or unknown. It should be our privilege therefore to meet our apportionment with a glad and willing mind, and even to far exceed what is asked of us, as we have done during the two years when we have been apportioned a definite sum to contribute.

Circumstances rathr than any determination of our own, have caused us to adopt the apostolic plan of church extension. We have thus been strengthening central points, rather than multiplying mission stations. It is well that this should be our policy, in order that when we present the services of the Church for the acceptance of the people, it may be done with strength and with the dignity that is becoming. But I wish to remind you that no centre of Church life is strong that is not a radiating centre of missionary activity, giving off of its own power and fullness to all the vicinity. From each of the four strong centres of our Church here in Puerto Rico, we should reach out to the people who live near enough to be reach-

ed, the hand of blessing and the privileges of worship which we prize, and which to so great an extent are being handed on to us from other strong centres in the home land. I recommend, brethren, that you who are in charge of these missions and parishes, try to establish in your neighborhoods, meeting places in private houses or in halls, where you can gather together for simple services of prayer, Bible reading and praise, such of the people as you can reach with your increasing knowledge of the language, and with the Spanish translation of the Prayer Book.

I should not feel that I had done my duty if I gave no expression to the strong convictions which I entertain in regard to a matter now exercising the thought and attention of Church people and others in the home land. The facts are these. The Rev. A. S. Crapsey, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., having preached and published certain sermons, in which expression was given to opinions touching the nature of our Lord seeming to indicate unsoundness in the faith, a Committee was appointed to investigate and report whether he should be put on trial. They reported that while some of his expressions were open to criticism, the Commitee did not feel that there was ground for presenting him for trial for heresy. A minority of the Committee dissented from this report, and reported that in their opinion grounds existed for a trial. I desire to record my conviction as a Bishop in the Church of God, that, while I have not the slightest sympathy with the supposed erroneous teaching of Dr. Crapsey, so far as I have read his book, yet that I believe those errors are more in the form of expression than in the substance, and that certain other expressions seem to indicate a deep and devout recognition of our Lord's divine nature. But apart from any question as to the merits of the case, I do deplore the decision of the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese of Western New York to bring Dr. Crapsey to trial, after his acquittal by the Committee, which trial is going on at the time these words are being written. I cannot but regard this as a misfortune whichever way the trial is decided. A conviction will raise a great many questions

as to the fairness of the court, an acquittal will make it appear that unsoundness in the faith is of no account, and will leave the Bishop and Standing Committee of that diocese in a most awkward position. But more than this, I feel very strongly that trials for heresy are not the way to defend the faith. There are gentler ways, more Christ-like ways; and when a man solemnly vows at his ordination to minister the faith as this Church hath received the same, recites the Creed of the Church in both its forms, and declares that he accepts the faith in all sincerity, it is not wise to bring him to trial. if an occasional utterance seems to be out of harmony with those statements. Especially is this true when it can be shown, as in the present instance, that the offender, in other passages, has himself contradicted his own errors or supposed errors.

A perfect faith, it seems to me, should include a strong belief in the indestructibility of the truth. We need have no fear for the faith. Nothing can make it untrue, no weapon that is fashioned against it can prosper. But by calm and patient presentation of the matter it is far more likely that persuasion will follow than by attempting to punish and drive out of the ministry one who declares that he holds the faith, however unfortunate some of his modes of expression may seem.

And not only should we have the most profound reverence for and confidence in the truth, we should never forget that the Kingdom of God is not to be propagated by sword and fire and fagot, but by the spiritual weapons of a warfare that is not carnal. "In meekness instructing them that oppose themselves," is always a good rule to follow. For it is as sure as the truth itself, that the only victories worthy of the Christian are the victories of the pure in heart, of the true and patient disciple of Him who, "when He was threatened, threatened not again, but committed Himself to God, as unto a faithful Creator." Religious controversies settle no question, and "the servant of God must not strive, but be gentle, apt to teach."

Appended to this Address, will be given the canonical list of my episcopal acts. I regret that so much of that journal records my days and nights of pilgrfmage in places

far distant from my rightful post, appealing to the hearts of the friends who have helped me in raising funds necessary for the prosecution of our work, or rather for the tools and appliances wherewith to build up, in this part of the field. the temple of our holy faith. But such absences have been necessary, and they are a part of my duty, the hardest part, I wish it understood, and I shall not shrink from anything that wears the name of duty, be it hard or otherwise while God gives me strength to perform it.

To summarize my official acts, I beg to report that I have

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| Baptized, | 10 |
| Confirmed, | 29 |
| Solemnized Marriages, | 5 |
| Buried, | 4 |
| Ordained Priest, | 1 |

In closing, I desire to offer to the rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist, in San Juan, and to his congregation, my hearty congratulations on the splendid record of the last two years. Not only have they more than met their part of the missionary apportionment, and paid one half of the stipend of the rector, and met all the expenses incidental to the administration of an important parish, but by their efforts they have succeeded in augmenting the organ fund which was begun before the present incumbent came, until it is now complete, and the day is not far distant when a pipe organ will be in place there, lending its rich tones to the better rendering of the services of the Church. Such an example is a pleasant thing for us to consider, and it marks a measure of sacrifice and devotion which deserves our recognition and our praise.

And while thus rejoicing with them that rejoice and weeping with them that weep, may we all be of one heart and one mind, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

## EPISCOPAL ACTS.

May 9 and 10, 1905; First Annual Convocation of P. R., Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

" 14, 3d Sund. aft. Easter, Service and sermon in Candelaria.

" 16, Tues., met the Finance Committee of Convocation.

" 17, Wed., asked Standing Committee to act as the Eclesiastical authority during my absence in the States.

" 18, Thurs. Issued Lay Reader's Licenses to Mr. Courtney C. Nairn and Dr. Wm. N. Berkeley, of San Juan.

" 19, Fri., Issued Lay Reader's License, to Mr. W. V. Robbins of Ponce.

" 21, 4th Sund. aft. Easter, Celebrated Holy Communion at opening of new Church room for Mission of San Andrés. Mayagüez.

" 28, 5th aft. Easter, a. m., New Haven, Ct.. Address at St. Paul's.

June 4, Sun. aft. Ascension, a. m. Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Luke's, Address. aft., same. addressed Sunday School.

" 6, Tues. evg., Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Ct., officiated at Evening Prayer.

" 7, Wed., a. m., Same. Holy Communion and Ordination.

" 8, Thur., a. m., Missions House, N. Y., interviews with architect and Miss Ashby, Deaconess. Aft., Meeting of House of Bishops for election of a Bishop.

" 9, Fri., a. m., Calvary Ch,, N, Y. Holy Communion and Election of Rev. F. F. Johnson, Coadjutor Missionary Bishop for S. Dakota, Evg., New Haven, Ct. preached, St. Luke's.

" 11, Whitsun Day, a. m., Brooklyn, N. Y., preached, Ch. of Messiah. aft., St. George's addressed S. S. Evg., same preached.

" 13, Tues., Meeting of Bd. of Missions, New York.

" 14, Wed., evg., Leominster, Mass., addressed Convocation.

" 18, Trinity Sund., a. m., St, Stephen's Lynn, Mass., Holy Communion and sermon. Aft., same, Addressed S. S. Evg., same, preached.

" 25, 1st Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Boston, Mass., Ch. of the Advent preached. Aft. Lynn, officiated at Burial Service.

" 29, Thurs., gave canonical consent to election of Bishop coadjutor for Southern Virginia.

July 2, 2d Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., St. Paul's Newburyport, Mass., preached and addressed S. S.

" 3, Mon. Newburyport, officiated at Burial Service.

July 5, Wed., New Milford, Ct., Holy Communion and three addresses at Summer School for Mission Study.

" 6, Thurs., New York, Ch. Missions House, Interview with Rev. H. P. Walter. Aft., visited St. Luke's Hospital. Evg., St. George's, Lee, Mass.

" 9, 3d Sun., aft., Trin., a. m., Stockbridge, Mass., preached at St. Paul's.

" 16, 4th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Yonkers, N. Y., St. Andrew's, preached and confirmed one. Evg., same, St. John's, preached.

" 23, 5th aft. Trin., a. m., Milford, Pa., Good Shepherd, preached.

" 24, Mon. aft., same, address.

" 26, Wed., a. m., Richfield Springs, N. Y., Conference, address;

" 30, 6th aft. Trin., a. m., Little Falls, N. Y., Emmanuel, preached and addressed S. S. Evg., same, address.

Aug. 6, Transfiguration, 7th aft. Trin., a. m., Ogunquit, Me., St. Peter's, preached and celebrated Holy Communion., Aft. baptized child, made address. Evg., same, address in Baptist Church.

" 13, 8th aft, Trin., Far Rockaway, L. I., a. m., St. John's, preached.

" 20, 9th aft. Trin., Great Neck, L. I., a. m., All Saints', preached.

" 27, 10th aft. Trin., a. m., Newport, R. I., Emmanuel, preached.

Sep. 3, 11th aft. Trin., a. m., Fitchburg, Mass., Christ Ch., preached.

" 10, 12th aft. Trin., a. m., Lenox, Mass., Trinity, preached, celebrated Holy Communion.

" 12, Tues., Evg., Hastings, Minn., St. Luke's, preached.

" 13, Wed., Evg., Willmar, Minn., St. Luke's, preached.

" 14, Thur., Evg., St. Paul, Minn., St. Peter's, preached.

" 15, Fri., Evg., Owatonna, Minn., St. Paul's, preached.

" 16, Sat., a. m., Faribault, Minn., Cathedral, preached, Founder's Day,

" 17, 13th aft. Trinity, a. m., St. Paul, Minn., St. John's, preached and addressed S. S. Aft., same, St. Clement's, preached. Evg., same, Messiah, preached.

" 18, Mon., evg., Minneapolis, Minn., All Saints', address Men's Club.

" 19, Tues., aft., same, Holy Trinity, address Woman's Auxiliary. Evg., St. Paul's, same, address Men's Club.

" 20, Wed., p. m., Winona, Minn., address Normal School. Evg., same, St. Paul's, Address.

" 21, Thur., aft., Wabasha, Minn., Grace, address S. S. Evg., same, preached.

" 22, Fri., evg., Red Wing, Minn., Christ Ch., preached.

" 24, 14th Sun., aft. Trin., a. m., Minneapolis, Minn., St. Paul's,

a. m., preached and addressed S. S. p. m., St. Mark's, same, addressed S. S. Rally, Evg., same, Gethsemane, preached.

Sep. 25, Mon., a. m., Addressed University of Minnesota. Also, a. m., St. Paul, Minn., addressed S. S. Institute, at St. Clement's.

" 27, Wed., a. m., St. Paul, Minn., Christ Ch., assisted in Holy Communion, and addressed Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

Oct. 1, 15th Sun. aft. Trin. a. m. Cincinnati, O., Cathedral preached. Aft. Grace, Avondale, preached, Evg. Epiphany Walnut Hills, preached.

" 2, Mon., a. m., Cincinnati, O., addressed clergy at Cathedral Chapter House. Evg. addressed Episcopal Church Club.

" 4, Wed., aft., Dayton, O., addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

" 8, 16th aft., Trin., Watertown, N. Y., Trinity Church, three addresses, including one to the S. S.

" 15, 17th Sun. aft. Trinity, a. m. Mt. Washington, Md. St. John's preached and addressed S. S., p. m., Baltimore, Mt. Calvary, preached, Evg., same, Ascension, preached.

" 17, Tues. evg., New York, Gen. Theol. Seminary address.

" 18, Wed., p. m., Boston, Trinity, addressed Mass. Br. Wo. Auxliary.

" 20, Fri., p. m., No. Adams. Mass. St. John's, address Wo. Aux.

" 21, Sat., p. m., Orange, N. J., solemnized a marriage.

" 22, a. m., same, St. Mark's, preached. P. m., Ch. of the Holy Communion, preached and addressed S. S. Evg: Christ Ch., preached.

" 25, Wed., set forth a Form of Thanksgiving for Peace in the Orient.

" 29, 19th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Boston, Mass., Trinity, preached, p. m., same, Emmanuel, preached. Evg., Somerville, Mass., St. Thomas's, preached.

" 30, Mon., p. m., Babylon, L. I., Adressed Wo. Auxiliary.

Nov., 1, Wed., All Saints' Day, Holy Communion, at St. Paul's Ch., New Haven, Ct. Evg., Same, Anniversary Services.

" 5, 20th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Conshohocken, Pa., Calvary, preached and addressed S. S. Aft. Valley Forge, preached and addressed S. S. Evg., preached at parish Church, Norristown, Pa.

" 9, Thur., a. m., Ansonia, Ct., Christ Ch., assisted in Holy Communion, p. m., addressed Daughters of the King.

" 10, Fri., Philadelphia, Pa., p. m., Holy Trinity, address Wo. Aux.

" 12, 21st Sun. aft. Trin., Morristown, N. J., a. m., Redeemer, address. Evg., Orange, N. J., All Saints', preached.

Nov. 14, Tues., p. m., New Haven, Ct., Trinity, assisted at burial.

Nov. 19, 22d Sun. aft. Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y. a. m., Holy Trinity, preached. P. m., Grace, preached. Evg,, St. Clement's, preached.

" 26, Sun. next bef. Advent. a. m., Boston Mass. Advent, preached.

" 28, Tues. Orange, N. J. All Saints', solemnized a marriage.

" 30, Thanksgiving Day, New Haven, Ct. a. m., St. Paul's, attended.

Dec. 2, Sat., a., m., Brooklyn, N. Y., Christ Ch., adressed S. S.

" 3, 1st. Sun. in Advent., at sea.

" 10, 2d Sun. in Advent. a. m. San Juan, P. R., Church of St. John the Baptist, preached. Evg. same, preached in Spanish.

" 15, Fri., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's, preached in Spanish.

" 17, 3d Sun. in Advent. Ponce. a. m., Holy Trinity, preached. Evg., same, officiated. Afterward met Hospital Committee.

" 18, Mon. evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.

" 18, Mon. St. Thomas' Day. Holy Trinity, Ponce, attended Holy Communion.

" 24, 4th Sun. in Advent. a. m., Vieques, All Saints', preached and celebrated Holy Communion.

" 25, Christmas Day. a, m., same, preached and celebrated Holy Comn. Aft., went to Culebra to inspect land offered for a Church.

" 26, St. Stephen's Day. Evg., Vieques, All Saints', preached.

" 27, St. John's Day., a. m., same, celebrated Holy Communion.

" 31, Sun. aft, Christmas. a. m,, Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion. Evg,, same, officiated.

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Jan. 1, Circumcision, a. m., same, attended Holy Communion.

" 6, Epiphany. a. m., La Carmelita, St, Mary's, celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. p. m., same, said Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish.

" 7, 1st Sun. aft. Epiphany, same, a. m., preached and celebrated Holy Communion. p. m., said Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish.

" 14, 2d after Epiph., Ponce, Holy Trinity, a. m. said Morning Prayer and preached.

" 18, Thurs., evg., Mayagüez, San Andrés, preached and confirmed 14 in Spanish.

" 21, 3d Sun. aft. Epiphany. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. E. M. Parker, as Bishop-coadjutor of New Hampshire, and of Rev. C. D. Williams, as Bishop of Michigan. a. m,, Ponce, Holy Trinity, said Morning Prayer, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evg.. same, said Evening Prayer.

Jan. 27, Sat. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev

J. N. McCormick, as Bishop-coadjutor of W. Michigan.

Jan. 28, 4th aft. Epiphany. a. m., San Juan, St. John's, preached Evg., same, preached in Spanish.

" 30, Tues. Inspected land for a Church at Candelaria.

Feb. 4, 5th Sun. aft. Epiph., a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion, preached and said Morning Prayer. Evg., said Evening Prayer and preached.

" 9, Fri. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. W. W. Webb, as Bishop-coadjutor of Milwaukee.

" 11, Septuagesima. A. m., celebrated, and said Morning Prayer, Ponce Holy Trinity. Evg., same, said Evening Prayer and preached.

" 14, Wed. a. m., same. Examination of Rev. L. Read, Deacon, for Priest's Orders. Evg., took order for his ordination.

" 15, Thurs., same, a. m., Ordained Rev. Leonard Read to the Sacred Order of Priests. Rev. W. Watson and Rev. F. Caunt assisting.

" 18, Sexagesima. Same, a. m., said Morning Prayer. Evg., preached.

" 23, Fri. Evg., meeting of Hospital Commitee, Ponce.

" 24, St. Matthias' Day. Mayagüez, arranged for opening of a School.

" 25, Quinquagesima. A. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion, said Morning Prayer and Preached. Evg., officiated and preached, same.

" 26, Mon. Evg., Ponce, Meeting of Hospital Committee.

" 28 Ash-Wednesday. A. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity. celebration, said Morning Prayer and preached. Evg., same, officiated and preached.

Mar. 3, Sat. San Juan, attended meeting of Anti-Tuberculosis League.

" 4, 1st. in Lent. Same, St. John's, a. m., preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evg., same, officiated and preached in Spanish.

" 7, Thur. Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, interview with W. Emerson Mears, a Wesleyan missionary.

" 8, Fri. Rev. Visited Santiago de los Caballeros.

" 11, 2d. Sun. in Lent. A. m., baptized Rev. W. Emerson Mears, at Puerto Plata. Evg., by special request, preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, same.

" 12, Mon. Same, confirmed Rev. W. Emerson Mears.

" 18, 3d Sun. in Lent. At sea, en route for N. Y.

" 20, Tues. New York, reported action in regard to Santo Domingo, to the Gen. Sec. Board of Missions.

" 25, Annunciation and 4th Sun. in Lent. At sea, bound for San Juan.

Apr. 1, 5th Sun. in Lent. A. m., officiated, St. John's, San Juan. Evg., same. officiated, and preached in Spanish.

Apr. 2, Mon. aft. same. took part in Lenten Service.
" 3, Tues. aft. same, took part in Lenten Service.
" 4, Wed. Mayagüez. Inspected Building for School.
" 6, Fri. p. m., Took part in Lenten Service, Ponce, Holy Trinity. Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee, same.
" 8, Palm Sunday. A. m., same, Celebrated Holy Communion, asked a blessing on the Palm Branches. Visitation of sick man, preached. Evg,, same, took part in Evening Prayer.
" 9, Monday bef. Easter. Aft. Ponce, Holy Trinity, officiated at a Burial. Evg,. meeting of Hospital Commitee.
" 10, Tues. bef. Easter. A. m., Celebrated Holy Communion, same. Aft., took part in Lenten Service, same.
" 11, Wed. bef. Easter. A. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, assisted in Holy Communion. P. m., same, attended Lenten Service. Evg. same, meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 12, Thurs. bef. Easter. A. m., same Celebrated Holy Communion. P. m., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 13, Good Friday., a. m., same, preached. Took part in Three Hours' Devotion.
" 14, Easter Even. La Carmelita, St. Mary's, officiated and preached in Spanish. Built an Altar for next day's Services.
" 15, Easter Day. A. m.. same, Celebrated Holy Communion, preached, baptized 8 children, solemnized 3 marriages. P. m., consecrated new Burial Ground, same, all in Spanish.
" 17, Tues. after Easter. A. m. Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion, Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 18, Thur. Evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 21, Sat. Evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 22, 1st Sun. after Easter., a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Comn., took part in Morning Prayer and preached. Evg., same, took part in Evening Prayer.
" 23, Mon: Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 27, Fri. Evg., said the Litany. same.
" 29, 2d Sun. aft. Easter, San Juan, St. John's a. m. and evg., preached and confirmed, 3 and 5, at latter service received 5 already confirmed in R. C. Church. Aft. St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached and confirmed 2: Evening service in Spanish.
" 30, Mon., Evg., Ponce, Hospital Committee.
May. 1, St. Philip and St. James., a. m., same. attended Holy Communion.
" 3, Thurs. Mayagüez, arranging matters for Schooi.
" 6, 3d Sun. aft. Easter., Ponce. Holy Trinity, a. m. preached, confirmed 3, received one.

# APPENDIX II.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

**Mayaguez.**—*San Andrés Mission.* Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals, 174. Baptized persons, 169. Comunicants, 19; Removed, 4. Baptisms, 24. Confirmations, 14. Marriages, 11. Burials, 3. Average attendance, 70. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Pupils, 167; Average attendance, 105. Parish School: Teachers, 1; Pupils, 60 (just opened). Church property, $183. Aid received from Board of Missions, $451.64. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $21.99; Communion alms, $9. 38;Organ $35; Altar furniture, $6; Fitting up Mission, $242.66 Total contributions (not including aid received), $72.37.

This mission has just completed its first year of work, and is among Puerto Ricans in the Spanish language, with provision, when necessary, for English speaking people.

**Ponce.**—*Church of the Holy Trinity.* Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector. Wardens, Fernando Toro and Julius Umbach. Treasurer, Alexander B. Marvin. Clerk, George Moneteldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, 200. Baptized persons 200. Communicants, about 75. Died, 5. Removed, 50. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 25. Parish School: Teachers, 2; pupils, 45. Church property, $12,000. Aid received from Board of Missions, $1200. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $378.41; Communion alms, $44.24; Missions, $32.25; Aged & Infirm clergy, $10; Special, $50; La Carmelita, Church Extension Fund $1; Archdeacon Webber $33.14; Parish school $2; Vieques, $4.44; Rector's Discr. Fund $50; Burial Fund $18. Total contributions (not including aid received) $623.48. Societies: Parish Guild, All Soul's Guild, Embroidery Class at Playa where catechism is also taught. Many of the English speaking people are leaving for Cuba and Santo Domingo and elsewhere on this Island in quest of work. The Present rector came Mch. 16th, 1906.

**Ponce, La Carmelita.**—*St. Mary the Virgin.* Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Minister-in-Charge. Treasurer, J. Van Leenhoff.

Statistics.—Individuals, 500. Baptized persons, 500. Communicants, about 150. Baptisms, 8. Marriages 3.

The present rector in Ponce has not been to La Carmelita, as the Spanish language is necessary, but it seems to be a fine opportunity for the Church.

**San Juan.**—*St John the Baptist.* Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector.

—Wardens, Henry W. Dooley and T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, H. M. Pruden. Clerk, E. N. Clopper.

Statistics.—Individuals, American, 205; Puerto Rican 35; Baptized persons, 283. Communicants, American 94; Puerto Rican, 11, Died, 3, Received, 29. Removed, 30, Baptisms. 11. Confirmations 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday Schools, 2. Teachers, 13; pupils, 95. Church property, $37,500. Aid received from Board of Missions, $800; from friends in U. S, for organ $450. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $1667.66; Communion alms, $63.20; Missions, $183.42: Archdeacon Webber, $127.73; St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, $11.61; Organ fund, $1800; Total contributions, not including aid received, $3853.62. Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Altar and Choir Guild, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Sewing School.

Spanish services, begun Trinity Sunday, have averaged an attendance of 33, the confirmation of 6 Puerto Ricans and another class rearly ready. Services at the Naval Station on Tuesday nights have averaged an attendance of almost exactly half of those Marines free to come. There has been a marked increase in interest and efectiveness in every society save one, and throughout the parish.

**San Juan, Puerta de Tierra.**—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. Walter Mitchell, Minister in charge. Treasurer, Paul P. Keen. Clerk, Napoleon F. John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 76. Baptized persons, 76. Communicants, 35. Received, 3. Removed, 6. Baptisms, 3; Confirmations, 3: Sunday School: teachers, 3; pupils 50. Church property, about $315. Aid received from Board of Missions, $25. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $84.32; Communnion alms, $3.88, Missions, $7.28; Convocation expenses, $.93; Archdeacon Webber, $1.72; Bishop of Jerusalem; $.64; Total contributions, not including aid received, $98.77. Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Sewing School.

Since Sept, 1st. has paid all expenses, except salary of Minister and has a credit in the bank. Through Deaconess Weidensee, the Mission has received a bell from the Little Helpers of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and from another branch money, towards a silver wafer box.

**Vieques.**—*All Saints' Church.* Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Wardens, Cain Callwood and Isaiah Joseph. Treasurers, V. Bean and L. Guy. Clerk, John Sprott.

Statistics.—Individuals, 200. Baptized persons, 150. Communicants, 30. Removed, 45. Baptized, 3. Marriages, 1. Average attendance 46. Sunday Schools: teachers, 1; pupils, 50. Average attendance, 16. Church property, $4,000. Aid received from Board of Missions, $750. Contributions: Communion alms, $11.08; Parish purposes including salaries, $47.71; Missions, $14; Bp. of Jerusalem Fund, $1.25; Genl. Clergy Fund, $4.60; Rectory Fund,

$30.27; Total contributions, not including aid received, $108.91. A large parish hall and rectory have been presented to the parish, and are nearly completed. There have also been presented to the parish, a complete set of Altar linen, a pair of brass and a pair of glass candlesticks, a bronze crucifix, and a fine bronze bell still unhung.

## PERSONAL REPORTS.

Aguirre, P. R., May 6th, 1906.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Bishop,

In accordance with the Canons I beg leave to report that since leaving Ponce, I have been living at Central Aguirre. Have celebrated the Holy Communion twice privately.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM WATSON.

The Rt. Rev. J. H. Van Buren, D.D.

## SUMMARY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Parishes and Missions | 7 |
| Clergy | 7 |
| Communicants | 414 |
| Sunday School Teachers | 29 |
| " " Pupils | 387 |
| Parish " Teachers | 3 |
| " " Pupils | 205 |
| Baptisms | 49 |
| Confirmations | 29 |
| Marriages | 29 |
| Burials | 12 |
| Total of Contributions | $ 4757.15 |

### Confirmations.

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|---|---|
| July 16, a. m., St. Andrew's, Yonkers, N. Y. | 1 |
| Jan. 18, a. m., San Andrés, Mayagüez, | 14 |
| Mar. 12, a. m., Private House, Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, | 1 |
| Apr. 29, a. m., St. John the Baptist, San Juan, | 3 |
| p. m., St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, | 2 |
| evg., St. John the Baptist, San Juan, | 5 |
| May 6, a. m., Holy Trinity, Ponce, | 3 |
| TOTAL, | 29 |

### Ordination to Priesthood.

Feb. 15, 1906. In Holy Trinity Church, Ponce: Rev. Leonard Read.

### Received from Another Diocese.

May 8, 1906. Rev. Harvey P. Walter, from Central Pensylvania.

### Resignation.

Mch. 10, 1906. Rev. William Watson, Rector Holy TrinityChurch, Ponce.

### Died.

Dec. 5,1905. Rev. Z. Vall-Spinoza.

### Lay Reader.

May 18, 1906. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan. Renewed for one year.

### Parish Helpers.

Miss Sarah R, Davidson, Vieques.
" Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, San Juan.

### Teachers.

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|---|---|
| Miss Frances Cuddy | Ponce |
| " Minnie L. Fordham | " |
| " Elizabeth Woodruff | San Juan |
| Señorita Dolores Romañat | " |
| " Matilde Martinez | Mayagüez |

## LIST OF THE CLERGY.

### In order of Canonical Residence.

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### The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

Consecrated June 24. 1092.

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| Nov. 17 | 1899, | Rev. Joseph H. Bean, | Ordained in Antigua, |
| Dec. 29 | 1903, | Rev. William Watson, | Maryland, |
| July 13 | 1904, | Rev. David W. Bland, | Jamaica, |
| Nov. 26 | 1904, | Rev. Walter Mitchell, | Missouri, |
| Feb. 2 | 1905, | Rev. Leonard Read, | Ordained in P. R. |
| May 8 | 1906, | Rev. Harvey P. Walter, | Central Penn. |

# OFFICERS OF THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT.

*President.*—The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D. D.

*Chancellor.*—The Hon. James H. McLeary, San Juan.

*Secretary.*—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre.

*Treasurer.*—Mr. H. M. Pruden, San Juan.

*Registrar.*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan.

*Standing Committee.*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

*Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*—The Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

*Committee on Finance.*—The Bishop, the Treasurer, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. George L. Nelson.

*Auditing Committee.*—Mr. J. D. H. Luce, Mr. Albert E. Lee, the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

*Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of Bible.*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. David W. Bland, the Rev. Leonard Read.

*Committee on Men's United Thank Offering.*—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Chairman, Mr. Walter Chapman, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. A. E. Horton, Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Mr. Hilario Villafaña, Mr. George L. Nelson.

*Committee on Constitution and Canons.*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. J. R. F. Savage.

*Committee on Episcopal Support.*—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Mr. Henry W. Dooley, Rev. Leonard Read.

*Committee on Sunday Schools.*—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

# APPENDIX III.

## REPORTS OF CHURCH WORK AND WORKERS.

*St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez.*

Opened in March 1906.—The first services were in English, in a private house. These were poorly attended. In April, we gave up this room and rented an old coffee warehouse in a thickly populated barrio at the southern end of the town. This we fitted up for Church purposes, and we have now a Mission Room which for comfort, neatness, cleanliness and churchly appearance, can compare favorably with many others of more pretensions.

In this room, named La Iglesia de San Andrés, the Bishop held the first service, that of the Holy Communion, on May 21, 1906. There were only four communicants, all Americans; but, at the door were some few Puerto Ricans looking on, hardly if at all understanding the import of the transformation in the old coffee-store. During the following week a circular of invitation in Spanish was issued, and on the 28th we began services in that language, with a congregation of 150 persons, of whom the majority came through pure curiosity, and some for the deliberate purpose of annoying us and disturbing the services.

From that day the services of the Church have been regularly carried on, without interruption; Morning and Evening Prayer with sermon, on Sundays; with other services and instruction during the week. The sacraments have also been regularly administered.

In January of the present year there was a class of fourteen confirmed, there are also several at the present time desirous of confirmation, and we have a congregation mostly of adults, averaging 70 in number. We have 167 children on the Sunday School roll, with an average attendance of 114. They are well-behaved, attentive and satisfactory in their lessons.

In February, the Board of Missions made an appropriation for the rental of a school building and the employment of a native teacher. Miss Matilde Martinez has been employed, and she has 52 children. The building will also be used in the evenings for lectures and social church gatherings.

The present is the day of small things, but when the little one becomes a thousand, San Andrés, Mayagüez will be a strong native church, and an influential center, not of sectional, but of catholic truth.

DAVID W. BLAND,

Minister in Charge.

*All Saints' Church, Vieques.*

In or about the year 1874, one Zaccheus Anderson, a carpenter, from the Island of Santa Cruz, came to Vieques, and personally conducted Church services, to the great comfort of the many English laborers resident there. He was followed, some years later, by a Mr, John James Haddock, a native of Tortola, who continued the good work, and opened a school. He continued to hold services and conduct his school until about 1881.

About this same time, there there was on one of the smaller islands, a revenue officer, named Joseph Nathaniel Bean, who from time to time, held Church services. Hearing of the need of some one to carry on the work at Vieqnes, he gave up his position under the British Colonial Government, and came to Vieques to live. His services were well received, and he went to the United States, and entered St. Augustine's College in 1889, to study for the ministry. On the representation of Archdeacon Hutson, of the Church of England in St. Thomas, he was ordained in 1893 and returned to Vieques as Priest in Charge. Here he has remained ever since. He became totally blind about the year 1897, and in 1905 resigned the charge of the Church of All Saints' where for more than fifteen years he had rendered faithful and efficient service. He still lives in Vieques, a pension having been secured for him from the American Church: which renders him comfortable during his declining years, while precluded from active service by reason of his blindness.

Since his residence began in Vieques, the present incumbent has been enabled to bring near completion a commodious parish hall and rectory. He has been there now about a year and reports much earnestness and interest on the part of the people. On account of frequent removals, there have been many changes in the congregation, and few who were there ten years ago are there now. The people are colored, and come from adjacent English and Danish islands. They are, as a rule, sober and industrious; the principal industry is sugar. The climate is particularly healthful, and there are many people there of advanced age.

LEONARD READ,

Rector.

## REPORT OF DEACONESS' WORK.

Nov. 1905 to May 1906, San Juan and Puerta de Tierra.

Regular attendance upon Sunday Services in both St. John's and St. Luke's Churches to the number of..... 73
Teaching 3 times Sundays in 3 Sessions Sunday School..... 66

Total..... 139

Attendance also upon nearly all minor or Saints' Day and Special Lenten Services.

Upon many occasions acting as substitute organist and fulfilling this duty at Marine Station..... 22 weeks.
Assistance at the Friday night Spanish Services St. Luke's Mission..... 20 weeks.
Arranged for the Study work of the *six* meetings of St. Luke's Woman's Auxiliary subjects, Alaska, China, and Africa; *first* returns of ½ year mite box money..... $ 6.10

Attendance and taking part in the work of the Guilds of St. John's Church.

Carried on practically alone the work of *two* Sewing classes, weekly. Mission School Sewing class enrollment 25, average attendance 17 girls.

St. Luke's class enrollment 39, average attendance 30.

½ day weekly calls for St. John's Spanish Sunday School—total..... 160
½ day weekly calls, St, Luke's parish, Sunday School and sewing class..... 250

Total for 5 months..... 410

Teaching 3 periods weekly Kindergarten work at the Mission School, enrollment 15 children from 5 to 6½ years of age.

Distributed 4 Christmas dinners, received through subscription, value..... $ 3.75
Expended in sewing material for both classes from fund..... $ 1.10

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Weidensee,
Deaconess.

## REPORT OF PARISH HELPER, PONCE.

My chief work during the past year has been to give religious instruction and as a help in that work to form classes for work or instruction; to visit the women, especially the sick; and to help in taking care of the church.

The Parish Guild was formed before I came to Ponce. It has a devotional meeting in the church once a month. The special work of the colored members is to keep clean the linen vestments, etc,, and they enjoy doing it. They have also been very faithful in cleaning and decorating the church. The ladies have met each week to work. Two sets of vestments, white and green, have been finished the past year for the parish, and one linen set for a gift; two stoles have been worked for the parish and one for an order; an alb, amice and surplice, and four cassocks have also been made for the parish, and a set of red vestments are well advanced.

Creditable work has been done by a few young girls who met weekly. Three amice apparels have been worked on linen, and two pieces of church embroidery on silk, besides some plainer work by the school children.

At the Playa I have had a class that met weekly at which I have taught the Catechism in Spanish. The Sunday School there met first in a room in a fruit packing house that we were allowed to use, and when that had to be given up we met in the house of one of the women belonging to the class. There were twenty-four names on the roll and nearly all the members spoke Spanish, most of the English-speaking people with whom the Playa mission started having left for Cuba, Santo Domingo or St. Thomas.

We have had interesting work helping the girls who do drawn-work. They were wretchedly underpaid and we hoped to introduce the work in places where fair prices would be paid. Through friends in Orange, N. J. and the Woman's Auxiliary of Cleveland, Ohio, and elsewhere, many orders for work were received. Starting with a capital of $50., we have paid out $1348.72 for work done, over $200, is still due us, and about $100 worth is now being done for orders. Several of the best workers depend entirely upon this work, but the management of it takes much time and I have sometimes felt it might be spent better in what is more strictly church work.

I have had the regular assistance of two members of the Guild in the care of the Altar etc, and much help from all.

S. R. DAVIDSON,
Parish Helper.

## REPORT OF PAROCHAL, SCHOOL.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sept. 1905 to May 1906.

Enrolled pupils 65.

Average attendance 50.

This year the school has been divided into three grades, the kindergarten conducted by Deaconess Weidensee, the intermediate taught by Dolores Romañat, and main school. As the Kin-

dergarten children advanced from time to time they have been promoted into the intermediate and so on.

We have combined the Spanish with English, Daily program:

Short opening service of prayer, study of music and regular routine studies and Physical culture. A sewing class for the girls once a week in charge of Miss Weidensee, In addition to this we had a boys gymnasium class once a week, but not having the regular gymnasium apparatus we turned the class into a military drill and had the help of a trained soldier.

The children's homes have been visited by the teachers when the children were absent on account of sickness or other causes. The fund for the purchase of shoes is greatly appreciated by the little girls who would not go to school without shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH A. WOODRUFF,
Principal.

REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

*Ponce, Puerto Rico.*

(For half year ending Feb. 1906.)

School opened Sept. 25, 1905, with an attendance of twenty-seven; 18 boys and 9 girls.

The old pupils dropped in from day to day so that at the end of the first month there were forty-one pupils enrolled.

At the beginning of the term one of our vestry men, Mr. Robbins, presented the school with a beatiful flag.

Most of the children have done work during the term.

Term enrollment, 45; Term average, 36.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANCES CUDDY.
Principal.

# APPENDIX IV.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1st, 1906, AND ENDING AUGST 31st, 1907, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 8th, 1906.

| Item. | | Annual Rate in U. S. Gold Dollars. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Bishop's Salary | $ 3,000 |
| 2 | " " Official travelling expenses within the Missionary District up to | 300 |
| 3 | The Bishop's Discretionary Fund | 400 |
| 4 | The Rev. David W. Bland, Mayagüez | 1,200 |
| 5 | " " " " " House Rent and the running expense of the Mission, Mayagüez, at the discretion of the Bishop | 520 |
| 6 | The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan | 800 (1) |
| 7 | The Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Ponce | 1,200 |
| 8 | The Rev. Leonard P. Read, Vieques | 600 |
| 9 | The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Puerta de Tierra | 1,200 |
| 10 | The Rev. J. N. Bean, Vieques, (half pension) | 150 |
| 11 | Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce | 800 |
| 12 | Miss Minnie L. Fordham, Ponce | 600 |
| 13 | Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess (2) | 600 |
| 14 | Miss Sarah R. Davidson, (2) Parish Worker, Vieques | 450 |
| 15 | Miss Elizabeth Woodruff, (2) San Juan | 800 |
| 16 | School Expenses at San Juan, (10 months at $30] | 300 |
| 17 | School Expenses, Ponce, (10 months at $5) | 50 |
| 18 | School Expenses at Mayagüez | 660 |
| 19 | For one additional Clergyman for Culebra or La Carmelita (not appointed yet) | 1,200 |
| 20 | New Teacher at Mayagüez, | 600 |
| | TOTAL | $ 15,430 |

E. & O. E.

Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
May 9th, 1906,

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

(1) The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

(2) Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering of 1904.

# APPENDIX V.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PUERTO RICO.

*Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.*

1 At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2 At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3 Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4 Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5 Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate, Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6 A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7 The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(a) The Chancellor.

(b) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.

(c) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(d) A Committee on Unfinished business.

(e) A Committee on Nominations.

(f) The Standing Committee.

(g) The Auditing Committe of three.

8 The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9 Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10 Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11 At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow inmediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.—

(a) Treasurer.
(b) Registrar.
(c) Delegates to the General Convention (in convention years).
(d) Committee on Constitutions and Canons (see Canon 13) to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(e) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
(f) Cther elections, if there are any.

12 At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13 Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14 Reports and action on them as follows:
(a) By the Treasurer,
(b) By the Registrar.
(c) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(d) By the Chancellor.
(e) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(f( By the Committee on Admissión of New Parishes and Missions.
(g) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15 Miscellaneous business.

16 Adjournment to the second day.

*Order of Busines Second Day of the Convocation.*

17 Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18 Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19 The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20 Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21 Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22 At 2.30 p. m., Miscellaneous business.

23 Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day: unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committes shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(a) To lay on the table.
(b) To postpone to a fixed time.
(c) To postpone indefinitely.
(d) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(e) To commit.
(f) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member in speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The president shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the president's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the president, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way nor the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order. or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a nsmaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order, of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

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# LIST OF THE CLERGY.

In Order of Canonical Residence.

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The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop,
Consecrated June 24, 1902.

Nov. 17, 1899. The Rev. Joseph N. Bean,* Ordained in Antigua.
July 13, 1904. The Rev. David W. Bland, Jamaica.
Feb. 2, 1905. The Rev. Leonard Read, Ordained in Porto Rico.
May 8, 1906. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Central Pennsylvania.
May 18, 1906. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Pittsburg.
Mch. 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Harrisburg.
Total number, 7.

*Dismissed to other Dioceses.*

Sept. 16, 1906. The Rev. Walter Mitchell, to Southern Virginia.
May 16, 1907. The Rev. William Watson, to Mexico.

*Received from other Dioceses.*

May 18, 1906. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, from Pittsburg.
Mch. 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, from Harrisburg.

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## LAY READERS.

May 18, 1906. Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan, renewed for one year.
Aug. 27, 1906. Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mayagüez, for one year.

## PARISH HELPERS.

Miss Sarah Davidson, Vieques.
Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, San Juan.

## TEACHERS.

Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce.
Position vacant, San Juan.
Señorita Matilde Martinez, Mayagüez.
Two native assistants, Mayagüez.
Mrs. Barnard, Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Irene Horton, Puerta de Tierra.
Señorita Ramos, Puerta de Tierra.

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* Since the Convocation, Rev. Mr. Bean has died (July 15, 1907).

# OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

*President.*—The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

*Chancellor.*—The Hon. James H. MacLeary, San Juan, Porto Rico.

*Secretary.*—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre, Porto Rico.

*Treasurer.*—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, San Juan, Porto Rico.

*Registrar.*—The Rev. Leonard Read, Vieques, Porto Rico.

*Standing Committee.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. Fernando Toro, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

*Finance Committee.*—The Bishop, the Treasurer, Mr. Courtney C. Nairn.

*Auditing Committee.*—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Mr. Albert E. Lee, Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

*Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*—Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Mr. Henry W. Dooley, Mr. George L. Nelson.

*Committee on Constitution and Canons.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

*Committee on Episcopal Support.*—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Capt. F. Harding, Rev. Leonard Read.

*Committee on St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce.*—Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Hon Regis H. Post, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

*Committee on Establishment of Theological School.*—The Bishop, Rev. David W. Bland, Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

*Committee on Men's United Thank Offering.*—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Chairman, Mr. Walter Chapman, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. A. E. Horton, Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Mr. Hilario Villafaña, Mr. George L. Nelson.

*Delegates to the General Convention.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

*Alternate Delegates.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

## RESOLUTIONS TO BE REPORTED UPON AT NEXT CONVOCATION.

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, at Ponce, be referred to a special committee of two clergymen and three laymen, to report at the next Convocation suggestions for commending the hospital to the attention of the people of Porto Rico, for promoting its welfare, and for connecting it with the Convocation as an institution of this Missionary District.

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention be referred to the Committee on Finance, to report suggestions to the next Convocation.

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the establishment of a Theological School be referred to a committee of five, consisting of the Bishop, two clergymen and two laymen, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

## NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico will be held in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and 19, 1907, beginning with the corporate Communion at 8 a. m. The preacher of the Convocation will be the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce.

GEORGE L. NELSON,
*Secretary.*

AGUIRRE, P. R., May 23, 1907.

# JOURNAL.

Church of St. John the Baptist,
San Juan, Porto Rico.
Tuesday, June 18, 1907, 8.30 o'clock a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Frederick A. Warden. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter preached the sermon; the text being, "Who went about doing good." (Acts 10: 38.)

At 10.15 o'clock the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed. It was moved, and carried, that the President cast one ballot for Mr. Nelson as Secretary, which was accordingly done and Mr. Nelson was elected.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation as follows (the names of those not present at any time are printed in italics):

List of Clergy Canonically Resident.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. David W. Bland.
The Rev. Leonard Read.
The Rev. Harvey P. Walter.
The Rev. Charles E. Snavely.
The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

*Non-parochial.*

*The Rev. Joseph N. Bean.*

Total number of clergy, 7. Present, 6; absent, 1.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM THE SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):

| Place. | Parish or Mission. | Lay Delegates. |
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| Aguas Buenas, | Advent, | No representatives. |
| Mayagüez, | St. Andrew's, | No representatives. |
| Ponce, | Holy Trinity, | *F. Manuel Toro.* |
| | | George L. Nelson. |
| Puerta de Tierra, | St. Luke's, | Ernesto Rivera. |
| | | Frank Galloway. |
| San Juan, | St. John the Baptist, | Courtney C. Nairn. |
| | | Henry W. Dooley. |
| Vieques, | All Saints', | *Frederic L. Hill.* |

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 6, represented by 7 delegates. Present 5, absent 2.

The Chancellor, a member *ex officio,* attended later in the session.

The President appointed as a

*Committee on Qualifications.*

REV. LEONARD READ, MR. COURTNEY C. NAIRN,

A quorum being present, the President declared the Convocation organized for business.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden then announced that luncheon for the members of the Convocation had been arranged for, at one o'clock, and upon his motion, it was

*Resolved,* That the hour of adjournment be 12.45.

The President announced the following appointments:

*Chancellor.*

HON. JAMES H. MACLEARY.

*Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*

REV. DAVID W. BLAND, MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

*Committee on Finance.*

THE BISHOP, THE TREASURER, MR. COURTNEY C. NAIRN.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*

MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.

*Committee on Nominations.*

Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rev. Leonard Read,
Hon. James H. MacLeary.

*The Standing Committee (or Council of Advice).*

Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Mr. George L. Nelson,
Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Mr. Fernando Toro,
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

*The Auditing Committee.*

Hon. Laurence Grahame, Mr. Albert E. Lee,
Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

The Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Bishop Sessums, of Louisiana, as Chairman of the sub-committee of the joint committee appointed by the General Convention in reference to work among the colored people, which he thereupon read, and, upon his motion, it was

*Resolved,* That the matter be referred to a special committtee of three appointed by the Chair, which shall report to this Convocation.

The Chair appointed as such committee:

Rev. David W. Bland, Rev. Frederick A. Warden,
Mr. George L. Nelson.

Upon the motion of the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Convocation that the offerings of this Jurisdiction for General Missions be at least $200.00, and that the Chair appoint a committee of three to report to this Convocation on that matter.

The Chair appointed as such committee:

Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. Harvey P. Walter,
Mr. Courtney C. Nairn.

Upon the motion of Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary and two other members appointed by the Bishop be a committee to draft a suitable memorial regarding the Fifth Anniversary of our Bishop's consecration.

The Bishop appointed:

Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Mr. Henry W. Dooley,
The Secretary.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved,* That the Convocation adjourn till 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Nominations announced the list of nominations, as follows:

*For Treasurer.*

MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

*For Registrar.*

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN.

*For Delegates to the General Convention.*

REV. CHARLES E. SNAVELY,
MR. H. W. DOOLEY.

*For Committee on Constitution and Canons.*

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
REV. DAVID W. BLAND,
HON J. R. F. SAVAGE.

*For Committee on Episcopal Support.*

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME,
CAPT. F. HARDING,
REV. LEONARD READ.

The Rev. David W. Bland was also nominated for delegate to the General Convention.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden declined the nomination as Registrar, and the Rev. Leonard Read and the Rev. Charles E. Snavely were nominated.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary cast the ballots of the Convocation for the offices and committees one by one where only one nomination for the office or the committee is made.

In accordance with this motion, the Treasurer, the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and the Committee on Episcopal Support were elected.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

*Resolved,* That the election of the Registrar and delegates to the General Convention be deferred until after the Bishop's address.

At 3.15 o'clock p. m., the Bishop delivered his annual address. (See Appendix I.)

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

Upon motion by the Rev. David W. Bland, it was

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the new Spanish hymnal, be referred to the Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of the Bible, appointed at the last meeting of Convocation, to report at this meeting.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, at Ponce, be referred to a special committee of two clergymen and three laymen, to report, at the next Convocation, suggestions for commending the hospital to the attention of the people of Puerto Rico, for promoting its welfare, and for connecting it with the Convocation, as an institution of this missionary district.

The Bishop appointed as such committee:

THE REV. HARVEY P. WALTER, HON. REGIS H. POST,
THE REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON,
MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expenses of delegates to the General Convention, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to report suggestions, at this meeting.

Upon motion by the Rev. Charles E. Snavely, it was

*Resolved,* That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the establishment of a Theological School, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of the Bishop, two clergymen and two laymen, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

The Bishop appointed as such committee:

THE BISHOP,
THE REV. DAVID W. BLAND, MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
THE REV. CHARLES E. SNAVELY, HON. J. R. F. SAVAGE.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter presented the following resolution:

Inasmuch as the Convocation has heard with pleasure that Mrs. Van Buren is rapidly regaining her health and hopes to return to the District in January; therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the Secretary be instructed to send Mrs. Van Buren the hearty congratulations of the Convocation and assure her of a most cordial welcome to our number again.

Upon motion, it was decided to return to Order of Business No. 11, and take up the election of a Registrar and Delegates to the General Convention.

After taking two ballots, the Rev. Leonard Read was elected Registrar.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. Henry W. Dooley, as the lay delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and Mr. Dooley was declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Bland said that it would be quite impossible, on account of his wife's health, for him to attend the General Convention, and declined the nomination.

Upon motion, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary cast one ballot for the Rev. Charles E. Snavely, for the clerical delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and the Rev. Mr. Snavely was declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Snavely said that it was customary to elect alternate delegates to the General Convention, and suggested the propriety of electing an alternate clerical deputy at once.

The name of the Rev. Frederick A. Warden was proposed, and, upon motion, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary cast one ballot for the Rev. Mr. Warden as alternate clerical delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and the Rev. Mr. Warden was declared elected.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

*Resolved,* That the alternate lay delegate be left to the appointment by the Bishop,

who later appointed Mr. J. R. F. Savage.

*The Treasurer's Report* was omitted owing to absence.

*The Registrar,* the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, reported that he had received a number of Diocesan journals and had placed them on file.

*The Standing Committee* reported that there had been no meetings during the past year.

*The Chancellor* made a verbal report, saying that his duties had been so light as scarcely to deserve a report, and that they were always pleasant.

*The Committee on Episcopal Support* had no report.

*The Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions* had no report.

*The Committee on Sunday Schools* reported:

The work done last year, and reported upon, has been the means of opening the way to prepare for the acceptance of a very desirable uniformity in the matter of a course of instruction which shall open the minds of the Sunday-school scholars to see and understand the Church's doctrine by the adoption of a system which shall bring out the Church's year and Catechism. The Joint Diocesan Lessons are being translated into Spanish without charge for the Church in the Island of Cuba, and your Committee is of the opinion that it would be good for this jurisdiction if the Bishop could obtain copies of this translation for our use. Your Committee calls attention to a translation of the Bishop of Pittsburg's Catechism of the Church's year, which promises to be helpful in Sunday-school work.

LEONARD READ,
*Chairman.*

A motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, that the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools be accepted, was carried.

A verbal report by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, in the absence of the Chairman of the *Committee on the Men's United Thank Offering,* that good progress was being made, was accepted.

The President announced that the corner-stone of the new Church of St. Luke, at Puerta de Tierra, was to be laid the next day at 4 o'clock, and all lay delegates were invited to be there; the clergy were requested to come with their vestments.

*The Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of the Bible* reported:

Your committee beg to report that a Spanish hymnal has been published and issued, under the direction of the Right Rev. the Bishop and Mrs. Van Buren; also, that they consider the edition Cipriano Valera of the translation of the Bible, now in use in the jurisdiction, to be the best for general use.

DAVID W. BLAND,
*Chairman.*

The President stated that in all probability the Constitution and Canons, adopted by this Missionary District, would be acted upon by the House of Bishops at the coming General Convention at Richmond.

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, the regular order of business was suspended and order No. 21 was taken up.

*The Committee on the Apportionment* reported in the form of a resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS, During the past year the apportionment for missions in the District of Porto Rico has been $100; be it

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Convocation that the apportionment should be increased to $200.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN, *Chairman,*
HARVEY P. WALTER,
C. C. NAIRN.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley proposed an amendment to the effect that the amount be more conservative and be placed at $150, instead of $200. This was carried.

*The Committee on Anniversary of the Bishop's Consecration* reported:

WHEREAS, Saint John Baptist's Day next, 24th inst., marks the Fifth Anniversary of the Right Rev. Dr. Van Buren's consecration to the Episcopate; be it therefore

*Resolved,* That we, the Clergy and Laity of the Third Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico, assembled in the above Church, express our gratitude to God for our Bishop's life and labors in our midst, congratulate him on his five years in that high and responsible office, assure him of our continued loyalty and devotion

to him, and pray that he may long be spared to exercise the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN, *Chairman,*
GEORGE L. NELSON,
HENRY W. DOOLEY.

The Bishop replied to this resolution most appreciatively and feelingly.

Upon motion, the Convocation adjourned till Wednesday, at 8.30 o'clock a. m.

## SECOND DAY.

Church of St. John the Baptist,
San Juan, Porto Rico,
Wednesday, June 19, 1907, 8.30 o'clock a. m.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, the Rector of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. Leonard Read, the Bishop also being in the chancel.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day were then read and approved.

Reports from the various missionaries, teachers and workers were then called for.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter made a verbal report upon the work at Ponce. The Bishop enlarged upon this report and on the interesting work being done there.

The Bishop then read a report from Miss Cuddy, teacher of the school in Ponce. (See Appendix III.) Mrs. Walter added some very interesting details about the work at Ponce.

The Rev. David W. Bland read a report from Señorita Martinez, teacher of the school at Mayagüez. (See Appendix III.)

The Rev. Mr. Bland also made a very full verbal report upon the work at Mayagüez.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden made a verbal report upon the work at San Juan.

Deaconess Weidensee read a report upon her work at San Juan and at Puerta de Tierra. (See Appendix III.)

Mr. Courtney C. Nairn made a verbal report on the work in general in the island.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley made a verbal report on the nature of the work in San Juan and upon the difficulties of the work when the local conditions are so unknown to the Board of Missions in the United States. The Bishop also made some remarks endorsing Mr. Dooley's idea.

The Rev. Charles E. Snavely made a verbal report upon

the work at Puerta de Tierra, Aguas Buenas, Santurce, and the Leper Colony.

Mr. Ernesto Rivera made a fuller verbal report upon the work in Santurce.

The Bishop told the Convocation about the Porto Rican workers, both present and prospective.

The Rev. Leonard Read read a report from Miss Davidson, the Parish Helper at Vieques. (See Appendix III.) He also read a report upon his own work at Vieques. (See Appendix III.)

Upon the suggestion of the President, it was

*Resolved,* That the Secretary write a letter to the Rev. Joseph N. Bean, expressing the regret of the Convocation at the news of his impaired health and conveying to him its sympathy.

*The Committee on Special Missionary Bishops* reported:

Your committee, appointed to consider the proposed canon for the creation of special missionary bishops, begs to report that in its opinion the passage of a canon authorizing the consecration of special racial missionary bishops is unadvisable. We consider that the plan suggested in the proposed canon for the more effective reaching of people of another race is unwise as giving rise to the very grave danger of schism. It seems to us that the present organization of the Church, with the aids at its command is sufficient to do this work effectively; and as there is no canon prohibiting the consecration of racial bishops, the proposed canon appears to us unnecessary.

As, however, some closer touch between these other races and the Episcopate is essential, we would urge that the use of racial archdeacons be greatly extended.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved,* That the report be accepted.

*The Finance Committee* begged to be allowed to postpone till next year its report on the expenses of delegates to the General Convention, which was granted by the Convocation.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved,* That the order of business No. 21, appointed for 2.30 o'clock, be made the order of business at once—11.30 a. m.

Upon motion by the Secretary, it was

*Resolved,* That the number of JOURNALS to be published be referred to the Secretary in conjunction with the Bishop.

Upon motion by the same:

*Resolved,* That the time and place of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

Upon motion by the same:

*Resolved,* That a vote of thanks be extended to the rector, wardens and vestry of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the members of the Convocation.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter expressed a great desire for the extension of the work in Porto Rico, and made the suggestion that an Archdeacon might be created for the assistance of the Bishop. There was some discussion, and a resolution was offered by Mr. Henry W. Dooley as follows:

WHEREAS, There are a large number of communicants of the Church, scattered throughout the island, who are not served by any priests at present, owing to the distance and inconvenience of traveling; and

WHEREAS, There are many splendid opportunities for new missions to be started and organized; therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the Board of Missions be requested to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain two general missionaries in the island during the coming year; or at least one at present and the other as soon as the funds are available.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Convocation that the General Convention be memorialized to grant the permissive use of either the Revised or the American Revised Version of the Holy Scriptures.

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

*Resolved,* That after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

The minutes were then read and approved, and, after Prayer and Benediction by the President, the Convocation adjourned without day.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
*Bishop of Porto Rico.*

Attest:
GEORGE L. NELSON,
*Secretary.*

# APPENDIX I.

## BISHOP'S ADDRESS

At the Third Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, San Juan, June 18, 1907.

By the Right Reverend James H. Van Buren, D.D.

We are met to-day, dear brethren, in annual convocation, not merely for the transaction of routine business, but for the increase of strength and courage for the work which lies before us. We are not merely to take account of the things done during the past year, nor yet to take counsel alone for the ways in which we can best do the work in the next year.

We shall indeed be occupied in the transaction of the regular business of the Convocation, but we shall have missed the higher purposes of our meeting if each one of us does not carry away from the Convocation a new vision of his or her personal responsibility, and of the importance of the contribution each one is commissioned to make toward the glorious manifestation of Christ and His Church, and of the Christian life, in the community where we live.

Let us fix our thoughts on these purposes; and, keeping them steadily in mind, we shall find new inspiration as we take counsel of one another touching the details of our service.

We shall do well to remind ourselves first of all, that no conception of Christ and His Church, however glorious, will take deep and abiding hold upon the hearts of the people among whom we live and work, unless that conception be commended to their admiration and imitation by the fruits it begets in our own life and conduct. There is no eloquence of preaching, there is no splendor of ritual, there is no beauty of art or of architecture that speaks to the souls of men and women who want the real and perfect Christ, as speaks the strong, patient, helpful, unselfish life of the disciple of Christ.

And, on the other hand, there is no Christian life and char-

acter that is to be depended on for such constant witness-bearing unless its springs and motives be renewed and fed from Christ the source, through constant communion with Him in the holy ways of His blessed Church, which is the fulness of Him that filleth all.

Our position is a peculiar one, both in its privilege and in its difficulty. We are to manifest as the representatives of Christ a better and truer conception of Him than this island has ever known before. We bring no humanly-woven theory, we offer no Christ-obscuring devices, but Christ Himself. Not less truly is it spoken of all because it is spoken of the ministers, "We beseech you in Christ's stead, as though Christ did beseech you by us."

And this manifestation of the clear, unmistakable personality of Christ we bring to a people who have for centuries been taught to regard the human Mother of Christ as having a more loving, tender heart than He. Christ and Him crucified we have to preach and manifest to a people who have had the great truth obscured, that "He is the one Mediator and propitiation for our sins."

And while we sometimes find ourselves oppressed by the weight of this so great responsibility, let us find inspiration in the thought of our privilege. Let us remember that whether we regard it as a privilege or as a responsibility, its importance cannot be overestimated. On us, dear brethren, in our several places and degrees, is this great gift bestowed that we should make known first of all the unsearchable riches of Christ, of Christ the one Mediator between God and man; of Christ the one and only Redeemer; of Christ who claims not a part of mankind but all mankind as His own, and says, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Let this deepen in us our sense of the dignity and honor and importance of our work; let it also inspire us to new and better ways of so carrying ourselves that men shall take knowledge of us that we have been with Him, that we live close to Him, that we are animated by Him, and that we are indeed His soldiers, His servants, His hands for serving mankind, His feet for walking the way of life. Here again it must be our warning

and our inspiration to remember that the Christian life and character are the one convincing and unanswerable argument.

And as it is with that full, complete and well-rounded conception of Christ whose features we are to present in all their attractiveness and beauty, without excess or imperfection, so is it with the Church of Christ. That also we bring to the people of this island, in all its purity, grace and power. Lacking nothing in its historic character; tracing its continuity from Pentecost; simple yet entire in its sacramental ordering; the heir of all the Christian ages, yet alive to the needs of the day;—oh, what a privilege and responsibility is given into our hands! that we should be entrusted with the duty of revealing to the people among whom our lot is cast, that Church, of which the Divine Founder said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Let us beware of any narrowing of our conception of God's Church. Let us remember that we are commissioned to bring men and women and children into the membership of the great body of the faithful, the Holy Catholic Church of the creed, the heavenly Jerusalem and Church of the first-born, the goodly company of the baptized. And forasmuch as we live in a community where a misconception of the Apostolic Church has for centuries prevailed, let us count it our privilege and our responsibility to so disclose and reveal to men the truth concerning their heavenly Father's home on earth and in heaven that they will see their heritage and enter into it in all its fulness of blessing and of duty.

In pointing out how we may best commend to men the one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, I am sure you will not misunderstand me when I say that no argument can possibly compare with the spiritual life and loving service of the members and ministers of the Church, as a means of commending to them the fulness of their inheritance. No power of preaching can equal the power and persuasiveness of the witness-bearing Christian life. No dignity of public worship nor pomp of stateliest ceremonial can so warm the cold heart or feed the hungry soul, as the ministering hand and the tender, true and holy life of the disciple.

Nor do we bear this witness to a people who have merely received a distorted and partial idea of the truth. We must not forget that multitudes in this island have practically no conception whatever of the Christian life and Christian truth. To bring the ministrations of Christ and His Church to Porto Rico means not only to remove misconceptions, but also in large part to minister to multitudes who have had none of the privileges of the Church and who are practically without God and having no hope in the world.

From this it is clear that our mission, so far as it concerns the people of Porto Rico, is not so much to combat error as to manifest the truth. With all loyalty to that truth, "as this church hath received the same," let us seek rather to be at peace with fellow-Christians than to antagonize them, rather to cultivate kindly relations with those who differ from us in their conception of the truth whether they be Roman or Protestant in name, than to be at strife with them, when there is so much to do, so many to seek, so large a part of the land not yet obedient to the Lord and Maker of us all.

The difficulty of bringing our message to those who do not understand our language, and whose language we ourselves at best so imperfectly speak, suggests the need of our training up a native ministry. Here and there young men offer themselves for service, and it has been a subject of no little thought and study, on the part of your Bishop, how to avail ourselves of such native helpers, how to train and educate them for effecitve work and for Holy Orders. To send them to the States for a college and seminary course involves not only a heavy expense in money, but a previous training in English. It seems as though we can only meet the difficulty by establishing a Theological School, working, in a larger way, along lines similar to those pursued by the Rev. Mr. Snavely, who has had under training during the past year two young men who have been of great help to him at Puerta de Tierra, and are now of still greater efficiency there and at Aguas Buenas. The Rev. Mr. Read reports another young man who is looking toward our ministry, and whom both he and I have encouraged to persevere, although, as I have said, the

way is not clear to carrying forward his education. The Rev. Mr. Bland reports still another, and surely it will not be wise in us to turn away material of this kind, which may be made serviceable, if by any means we can employ them and train them to carry to their own people the gospel of our blessed Lord.

During the past winter it has been a part of my work to bring to publication a Spanish Hymnal, the material for which was prepared by my wife and myself nearly three years ago. We had laid aside the work for lack of funds necessary to publish it; but now, by the generous gift of $1,200 from a gentleman in Philadelphia, the book is published in two editions, one with music and the other with words only.

In this hymnal will be found 203 hymns, mostly taken from the book published by the American Tract Society, but with the best tunes now in use in our Church; the *Amens* have been added, and all the chants pointed for singing and set to music. The hymns are also arranged in the order of the Christian Year after the manner of our American Hymnal.

Work has been begun on the erection of the new church building for St. Luke's Parish, at Puerta de Tierra, on a lot which has been bought and paid for. It is my belief that with the accommodations which this building will afford, the fine work which Mr. Snavely and his fellow-workers have been doing there, will pass on to greater and greater efficiency.

At Mayagüez a church building is needed, and it is my hope that no very long time will elapse before the really wonderful mission of St. Andrew's which Mr. Bland and his corps of helpers have been administering, will have the buildings they so sorely need.

At Vieques, Rev. Mr. Read, Miss Davidson and a devoted Parish have found ways of developing the Church's life beyond our best expectations, and to this result the new Parish House has been of great assistance. We hear, with regret, of the illness of the Rev. Mr. Bean at Vieques and unite in praying for his welfare.

At Aguas Buenas a new mission, called the Church of the Advent, has opened with abundant promise under Mr. Snave-

ly's fostering care; and at this point Mr. Cuellar, a young Porto Rican, is rendering excellent service, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Dana and other laymen and women having taken up the work with a loyalty and earnestness that call for our heartiest praise.

Here in San Juan the Church of St. John the Baptist has a record of faithful service that may well be placed as the beginnings of a goodly history. And while we parted reluctantly with Rev. Mr. Mitchell, we have rejoiced in the coming of the present rector, Rev. Mr. Warden, who brings to the service a deep and earnest devotion that ought to carry forward the Parish to greater and greater usefulness.

Here also Miss Weidensee, our Deaconess, and Miss Romañat have kept the school work at an excellent degree of effectiveness, besides the special work for which, as a Deaconess, Miss Weidensee has special gifts and training.

At La Carmelita we have been compelled to suspend work because there was no one who could be appointed there, although the Board of Missions appropriated $1,200 for the stipend if a missionary could be found who could minister in the Spanish language. We are holding several acres of land there on a ninety-nine years' lease, and it is my hope that the suspended activity at La Carmelita will not be a permanent condition.

At Ponce, most excellent work under the Rev. Mr. Walter is going on amid conditions that are in some ways very discouraging. It is all the more to be thankful for that he and his wife and Miss Cuddy, who has now completed five years of teaching in Porto Rico, have done so well and reached results so surprising and satisfactory. In Ponce, the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke the Beloved Physician has been built during the past year at a cost of some $17,000, contributed by friends in the States and in Porto Rico, and is now nearly ready to begin its gracious work.

While it is hoped that the Hospital will eventually become self-supporting to a great extent, it may be proper to say that the Board of Missions has appropriated for the first year $1,000 toward its support, a friend has pledged another $1,200,

and not only intends to contribute the same amount each year during her lifetime, but also has provided in her will a legacy of $50,000, the income to be used for the maintenance of the Hospital after her death.

It will be remembered that we drew up a Constitution and Canons for the Missionary District of Porto Rico at the meeting of the Convocation two years ago. By the General Canons of the Church it is necessary that the House of Bishops authorize this Constitution and these Canons before they can become operative. As there is every reason to believe this will be done at the time of the General Convention in the coming October at Richmond, Va., it is probable that the time is not far distant when we shall have our own laws and not be dependent, as we are at present, upon the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Virginia, which we adopted as provided and required by the General Canons.

At the General Convention, as you are aware, the Missionary Thank-Offering of the men of the Church will be made,—a thank-offering for three hundred years of American Christianity.

It is the aim of those who have the charge of this matter to have the amount of one million and three-quarters raised by the men of the Church for Missions, as their thank-offering. Should this be done, the benefit derived by the Church's Missions in all parts of the world would indeed be great. But great as that advantage would be, it is not to be compared with the good it would do to the Church itself as a revelation of the great, unselfish heart of the Church; as a recognition of God who gives men the power to get wealth; as a denial that money for itself alone is man's highest motive; and as a witness to the world that Christian men care more for the extension of God's kingdom on earth than they do for the treasure they can dig out of the earth!

This Missionary District is entitled to send one clerical and one lay delegate to the General Convention, and those delegates are to be elected by this Convocation. It is customary for conventions in the Dioceses to provide for the expenses of those attending the General Convention by appropriating for that purpose. It should be the custom of the con-

vocation in missionary districts to do the same. The traveling expenses of the Missionary Bishops to and from the General Convention are paid by the Board of Missions, but it is for you to consider whether you will devise some way by which your clerical and lay deputy may be similarly relieved of personal expense for their journey, entertainment and return.

During the months of April and May of this year it was my privilege to administer confirmation for the Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, who was ill from overwork. Through the willingness of the clergy of that Diocese to accept the services of a substitute I confirmed twenty-two classes, with a total of 426 persons. It was a source of great satisfaction that the Bishop was able to resume and carry forward the remainder of his work for the year.

In this connection it may not be amiss to say that I do not think the Church realizes what an enormous amount of toil it exacts from its Diocesan Bishops. If one will consider the demands of a great Diocese upon the time and strength of its Bishop, the unceasing correspondence, the personal interviews, the numberless committees, the travel, the absence of home life, the parochial visitations and all the numberless details of administration that come upon him, it will be realized how little energy and how little time are left for that consecutive study and meditation which should bear fruit in the intellectual Christian leadership which the Church has a right to expect from its Bishops.

In the life of a Missionary Bishop the burden of administration is not so heavy, nor is it the same as in the case of a Diocesan. But there is given to the Missionary Bishop the choice between seeing his work crippled or stopped for lack of money; or, on the other hand, of going from parish to parish in person to plead for the funds for planting the Church in new fields.

Should the men's thank-offering result in relieving Missionary Bishops of this necessity, and should it result further in stimulating the giving power to a point where such relief will be permanent, then possibly we may find a way for Missionary Bishops to preach missionary sermons unhampered by any thought of the collection that is to follow; but more im-

portant still than that, we may find our Missionary Bishops able to stay by their work more uninterruptedly; and, certainly not less important, we may find them more often able to share the burdens of overworked Diocesan Bishops by such aid as in this instance it was my great pleasure and privilege to render.

The Church of our love is not a hard taskmaster, but one thing is certain, the Church will never secure the highest type of Christian service and leadership from its Bishops so long as, from thoughtlessness, it requires them to "leave the Word of God and serve tables." In the hands of many of the sons and daughters of the Church, God has placed wealth, abundant wealth for the efficient administration of the Church. Let that wealth once be consecrated by the thought that it is a trust received from God to be used wisely and faithfully for Him, and give to the Bishops freedom to lead God's hosts to victory, and we shall see clergy and people gladly following, to measures of benediction in fields that are new and unoccupied; and in places where hosannas languish, they shall break forth into singing and renew their youth.

Such consecration must follow upon any adequate conception of the meaning, purpose and nature of God's holy, Catholic Church, the home of His redeemed, the manifestation of the kingdom of heaven. Such consecration can only come when men cast away small, narrow conceptions of the Church, and realize its magnificent inclusiveness as the one great family of the children of God, "the blessed company of all faithful people!" Such enlargement of the spiritual vision can only come by living nearer to Him who says, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

During the Convocation year ending May 1, I have confirmed 34 persons, as follows:

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| July | 1. | At Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan | 4 |
| August | 26. | " St. Andrew's, Mayagüez | 14 |
| September | 6. | " All Saints', Vieques | 4 |
| | 23. | " St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra | 8 |
| February | 17. | " Holy Trinity, Ponce | 4 |
| | | Total | 34 |

Since that time, during the months of April and May, in the Diocese of Newark, and at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, I have confirmed 426 persons, as follows:

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| April | 1. | At St. Alban's Church, Newark, N. J. | 19 |
| | 3. | " Christ Church, Short Hills, N. J. | 7 |
| | 4. | " St. Luke's, Paterson, N. J. | 13 |
| | 5. | " St. George's, Maplewood, N. J. | 7 |
| | 7. | " All Saints', Leonia, N. J. | 10 |
| | 7. | " Holy Communion, Paterson, N. J. | 22 |
| | 10. | " Christ Church, Newton, N. J. | 11 |
| | 11. | " Grace Church, Union Hill, N. J. | 17 |
| | 12. | " St. John's, Bergenfield, N. J. | 3 |
| | 14. | " St. Stephen's, Newark, N. J. | 15 |
| | 21. | " St. Andrew's, South Orange, N. J. | 11 |
| | 21. | " St. Paul's, Newark, N. J. | 86 |
| | 23. | " St. George's, Passaic, N. J. | 22 |
| | 24. | " St. George's, Newark, N. J. | 6 |
| | 25. | " Grace, Jersey City, N. J. | 18 |
| | 28. | " St. Paul's, Englewood, N. J. | 35 |
| | 28. | " St. Agnes', Jersey City, N. J. | 7 |
| | 30. | " St. James', Ridgefield, N. J. | 22 |
| May | 5. | " Holy Trinity, West Orange, N. J. | 34 |
| | 7. | " St. Mary's, Ridgefield Park, N. J. | 10 |
| | 9. | " Ascension, Jersey City, N. J. | 43 |
| | 12. | " Grace, Madison, N. J. | 8 |
| | | Total | 426 |

During the year I have also

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| Baptized | 2 |
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May 8, 1906, I received the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, by Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

May 18, 1906, I received the Rev. Charles Edwin Snavely, by Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Pittsburg.

March 7, 1907, I received the Rev. Frederick Alexander Warden, by Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Harrisburg.

We have extended a hearty welcome to these new members of our Mission staff.

September 16, 1906, I issued a Letter Dimissory, commending the Rev. Walter Mitchell to the Bishop of Southern Virginia.

May 16, 1907, I issued a Letter Dimissory, commending the Rev. William Watson to the Bishop of Mexico.

Our prayers and best wishes go with both these brethren.

February 21, 1907, I appointed the Rev. Charles E. Snavely as a member of the Council of Advice, in place of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, removed from the district.

March 7, 1907, I appointed the Rev. F. A. Warden as Registrar for the unexpired term of the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

May 18, 1906, I renewed lay reader's license, on application of Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, of San Juan.

August 27, 1906, I issued a lay reader's license, on application of Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

It is known to most of the members of the Convocation that the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for this district, Mrs. Van Buren, has been ill for the past two years, and unable to perform the duties of her office. But forasmuch as she would have felt it a needless affliction to resign, it has seemed best to spare her that additional burden; and now she hopes to resume her duties by the coming January. She is looking forward with great pleasure to the privilege of placing on the altar at the General Convention in Richmond the united offering of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Missionary District. She wishes to thank the Convocation for the kind and thoughtful resolutions of sympathy adopted a year ago; she appreciates the generous spirit of those who have supplied her lack of service, and is deeply touched by the many loving messages which have reached her; and she desires me to say to all who inquire concerning her that she is "trying to get well as fast as she can."

By a unanimous vote passed at the last meeting of the Convocation it was resolved to ask the Board of Missions to apportion $100 for this district to give for General Missions instead of half that amount as hitherto. It gives me great satisfaction to state that you have already exceeded the $100 asked for his year, and I thank you on behalf of the Board of Missions for this response.

Appended to this address will be printed in the JOURNAL the record of my official acts, and it is not necessary at the present time to make extended reference to them. I desire, however, to say, in that connection, that if we have advanced in strength and efficiency during the year, much of the credit is due to you and those faithful fellow-workers whom you represent. And if at times it seems as though our work were small and insignificant let us remember that it is better to do diligently a little than to undertake more than we are well able to perform.

I would be glad if the Convocation could devise some way of meeting the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, as thus far it has been quite a serious charge upon the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

It is the desire of the Board of Missions that all property of the church, title to which is vested in the Board of Missions, shall be kept fully insured and in good repair. As a rule, I believe these matters are receiving adequate attention.

And now, dear brethren, commending you to God, and the Word of His grace, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, and with deepest gratitude to you and to all in the home land who have helped to make the success of the years that are past, and with good hope for the time to come, I bid you remember and adopt as your own the saying of our blessed Lord, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh wherein no man can work."

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## EPISCOPAL ACTS.

1906.

May 8. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church, Second Annual Convocation. Received Rev. Harvey P. Walter by Letter Dimissory from Central Pennsylvania.

May 13, *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* At sea, *en route* for San Juan.

May 14. At Vieques.

May 18. San Juan. Received Rev. Charles E. Snavely by Letter Dimissory from Pittsburg. Evening, Puerta de Tierra, officiated and preached in Spanish at St. Luke's Church.

May 20, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, same in English. Evening, same, officiated in Spanish.

May 24, *Ascension Day.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, attended Holy Communion.

May 27, *Sunday after Ascension.* Candelaria. Held a mission service and preached.

June 3, *Whitsun-Day.* Puerta de Tierra. A. M. and P. M., participated in services at St. Luke's Church. Had visitation of the sick at Tuberculosis Hospital, San Juan.

June 6. San Juan. Visited Leper Colony and held service in Spanish.

June 10, *Trinity Sunday.* San Juan. A. M. and P. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, officiated, baptized one. Afternoon, visited the sick at Tuberculosis Hospital. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion, Church of St. John the Baptist, in Spanish.

June 11, *St. Barnabas' Day.* San Juan. Same, received Holy Communion.

June 15. San Juan, Parish School. Made address in Spanish at closing exercises.

June 17, *First Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce. A. M., Holy Trinity Church. A. M., preached; P. M., officiated.

June 24, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Spent Fourth Anniversary of my consecration, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, in quiet at Episcopal residence; evening, officiated and preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

June 28. Same church. Evening, made address of presentation of gifts to Rev. Walter Mitchell and wife.

July 1, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., same church, officiated. Later, San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, confirmed four, made address, celebrated Holy Communion.

July 8, *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening, Spanish service and sermon.

July 15, *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday.

July 22, *Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday.

July 24. Evening, San Juan, Naval Station, officiated, addressed marines.

July 25, *St. James' Day.* A. M. San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, Holy Communion in Spanish.

July 29, *Seventh Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, Morning Prayer and sermon in English. Evening, service and address in Spanish.

August 5. *Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday, with celebration of Holy Communion, also, in English.

August 6, *The Transfiguration.* San Juan. Same. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish.

August 10. San Juan. Same, Choral Litany in Spanish.

August 12, *Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish; later, took part in Morning Prayer. Evening, Spanish service and address.

August 17. Same, Choral Litany in Spanish.

August 19, *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same, conducted Evening Prayer and made address in Spanish.

August 24, *St. Bartholomew's Day.* Same, Spanish choral Litany.

August 26, *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Mayagüez, St. Andrew's Mission. A. M., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in Spanish; preached and received 4 persons on confession of faith. Evening, preached and confirmed 14 in Spanish.

August 27. Same, issued lay reader's license to Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

August 28. Ponce. Evening, Parish House, addressed Woman's Guild in Spanish.

August 31. Ponce, Church of Holy Trinity. Evening, address.

September 2, *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for Vieques.

September 5. Vieques, All Saints' Church. Evening, made address.

September 6. Same. Evening, sermon and confirmation of 4 persons.

September 7. Same, evening, address in Spanish.

September 9, *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for San Juan.

September 16, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Issued Letter Dimissory of Rev. Walter Mitchell to Southern Virginia. Evening, San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, Spanish service and address.

September 21. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Charles Scadding to be Bishop of Oregon.

September 23, *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Later, San Juan, took part in Morning Prayer. Afternoon, St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, service and sermon. Evening, same, Spanish service; confirmed 8, received one on confession of faith.

September 27. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, D.D., to be Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Virginia.

September 30, *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., received Holy Communion. Later, officiated and preached. Evening, same, service and address in Spanish.

October 7, *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for New York. Evening, short service and address on shipboard.

October 10. Philadelphia. Evening, made address, Church of the Holy Apostles.

October 14, *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Germantown, Pa., address at Calvary Church. Afternoon, Philadelphia, Holy Trinity Church, address. Evening, same, Church of the Holy Apostles, address.

October 15. A. M., Philadelphia, addressed Clerical Brotherhood at Church House.

October 18. Afternoon, Philadelphia, addressed Convocation.

October 21, *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Baltimore. A. M., address at Trinity Church (Towson). Afternoon, address at Mt. Calvary Church. Evening, address at Emmanuel Church.

October 22. Baltimore. Afternoon, addressed Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church.

October 24. Evening, address at Church of St. Michael and All Angels', Baltimore.

October 28, *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* Philadelphia. A. M., address at St. Paul's Church (Elkin's Park). Afternoon, address at St. Martin's Church (Wissahickon). Evening, address at St. Matthias' Church.

October 30. Philadelphia. Addressed students at Divinity School.

November 1, *All Saints' Day.* Lynn, Mass. Evening, St. Stephen's Church, participated in Evening Prayer and addressed Girls' Friendly Society.

November 2. Same. Celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, attended anniversary service and made address.

November 4, *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Longwood, Mass., Church of Our Saviour, addressed Sunday School. Later, participated in Holy Communion and made address. Afternoon, at Emmanuel Church, Boston, address. Evening, at St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, made address.

November 6. Boston, Mass. Addressed meeting of clergy. Afternoon, at Winchester, Mass., addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

November 11, *Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.* Watertown, N. Y., at Trinity Church. A. M., made address and took part in service. Afternoon, same, addressed Sunday School. Evening, same, preached.

November 13. New York. A. M., attended meeting of Committee of Board of Missions. Later, addressed Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary. Had interview with Miss Knapp at St. Faith's House.

November 15. Baltimore, Md. Evening, addressed Churchmen's Club.

November 18, *Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.* Philadelphia. A. M., St. Andrew's Sunday School, address. Later, addressed the congregation. Evening, St. Philip's Church, address.

November 19. Philadelphia. Evening, pronounced benediction at Choir Festival, Church of the Saviour.

November 20. New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Guild, St. Thomas' Church.

November 21. New York. Evening, addressed Churchmen's Club.

November 25, *Sunday next before Advent.* New York. A. M., address at St. Michael's Church. Evening, address at Zion and St. Timothy's Church.

November 26. New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Heavenly Rest. Later, addressed Church Periodical Club. Afternoon, Brooklyn, addressed Junior Clericus.

November 28. Baltimore, Md. Addressed Diocesan Branch, Woman's Auxiliary.

November 29, *Thanksgiving Day.* Baltimore, Md. Celebrated Holy Communion, and preached at Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

December 2, *First Sunday in Advent.* A. M., preached at Christ Church, Bloomfield, N. J. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at St. Mark's Church, Orange, N. J.

December 3. Philadelphia. A. M., addressed Clerical Missionary Association.

December 9, *Second Sunday in Advent.* A. M,, at Camden, N. J., St. Paul's Church, address. Afternoon, Philadelphia, at Church of the Saviour, made three addresses to different departments of Sunday School. Evening, preached, at Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia.

December 11. New York. Attended meetings of the Board of Missions.

December 12. Same. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary of St. James' Church.

December 13. Middletown, Conn. P. M., addressed students of Berkeley Divinity School.

December 16, *Third Sunday in Advent. Philadelphia.* A. M., preached at St. Clement's Church. Evening, Wilmington, Del., address, Trinity Church.

December 19. Philadelphia, St. Clement's Church. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

December 23, *Fourth Sunday in Advent.* Easton, Pa., in Trinity Church, preached A. M. and evening.

December 25, *Christmas Day.* Same, celebrated Holy Communion.

December 30, *Sunday after Christmas.* Newburyport, Mass., St. Paul's Church, A. M. and evening, preached. Afternoon, at Christ Church, address.

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January 1, *Circumcision.* New Haven, Conn. Received Holy Communion, at St. Paul's Church.

January 3. Philadelphia. Afternoon, addressed a Bible class.

January 4. Clarkesburg, W. Va. Evening, Christ Church, address.

January 6, *Epiphany*. Parkersburg, W. Va. A. M., preached at Trinity Church. Afternoon, Williamstown, Christ Church, address. Evening, Parkersburg, Church of the Good Shepherd, address.

January 12. Washington, D. C. Called on the President.

January 13, *First Sunday after the Epiphany*. Washington. A. M., preached at St. Thomas' Church. Afternoon, addressed Sunday School at Church of the Epiphany. Evening, St. Mark's Church, address.

January 20, *Second Sunday after Epiphany*. Brooklyn, N. Y. A. M., St. Mary's Church, preached. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at Church of the Messiah.

January 21. New York. A. M., at Grace Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary. Afternoon, addressed Girls' Guild of St. James' Church.

January 26. Minneapolis, Minn. Evening, met clergy at a reception.

January 27, *Septuagesima*. Same. A. M., addressed Sunday School of St. Paul's Church. Later, preached to the congregation. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral. Evening, at St. Paul, Minn., preached in church at Merriam Park.

February 3, *Sexagesima*. At sea, *en route* for Porto Rico.

February 10, *Quinquagesima*. San Juan. A. M., Spanish Sunday-School, service and address at Church of St. John the Baptist. Later, same, Morning Prayer and sermon. Afternoon, preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Evening, same, preached in Spanish.

February 11. Visited schools of St. Luke's and St. John's Churches. Afternoon, officiated at a burial.

February 13, *Ash-Wednesday*. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., received Holy Communion. Evening, same, preached. Afternoon, meeting of local committee on St. Luke's Hospital.

February 14. Mayagüez. Visited St. Andrew's Mission.

February 17, *First Sunday in Lent*. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., addressed Sunday School. Later, preached. Evening, participated in Evening Prayer, confirmed 4 and received 2 persons from Roman Church.

February 18. Visited Parish School, Ponce.

February 21. Appointed Rev. Charles E. Snavely a member of the Council of Advice.

February 24, *Second Sunday in Lent*. San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., Spanish Sunday School. Later, Morning Prayer and sermon; Holy Communion. Evening, Spanish service and address.

February 25. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.

February 26. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.

February 27. Candelaria. Visited families. Afternoon, at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Litany and address.

February 28. San Juan. Afternoon, Evening Prayer. Lent.

March 1. San Juan. Afternoon, Litany and address.

March 3, *Third Sunday in Lent.* Same. A. M., Holy Communion and Sunday School in Spanish. Later, Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening, service and sermon in Spanish.

March 4. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.

March 6. Same. Litany and address. Evening, at Naval Station, service and address.

March 7. Received Rev. Frederick A. Warden, by Letter Dimissory from Harrisburg, to be rector of Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Afternoon, at that church, Evening Prayer. Evening, at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Evening Prayer and address. Appointed Rev. F. A. Warden as Registrar.

March 10, *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* A. M., Exploring on Comerio Road. Evening, San Juan, Spanish service and address.

March 11. San Juan. Took service, Evening Prayer, for the Rector.

March 12. Mayagüez. Visited Mission School of St. Andrew's.

March 13. Ponce. Evening, preached at Holy Trinity Church.

March 14. Same. Visited Parish School; inspected hospital buildings.

March 15. Same. Presided at meeting of the Hospital Committee.

March 17, *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* Mayagüez. A. M., participated in service and made address at St. Andrew's Mission. Evening, Ponce, Holy Trinity Church, participated in Evening Prayer.

March 20. Ponce. Holy Trinity Church. Evening, service and address.

March 21. Ponce. Secularized and removed consecration of burial ground at La Carmelita. Evening, presided at meeting of Hospital Committee.

March 24, *Palm Sunday.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish, at Church of St. John the Baptist. Later, took part in Morning Prayer. Evening, same, Spanish service and address.

March 26. Sailed for New York. Holy Week on the sea.

March 29, *Good Friday.* Held service and preached on board the steamer "Coamo."

March 31, *Easter Day.* A. M., New York, Zion and St. Timothy's Church, celebrated Holy Communion.

April 1, *Easter Monday.* Newark, N. J. Evening, St. Alban's Church, preached, and confirmed 19.

April 3. Newark. A. M., at Chapel of Trinity Church, addressed the Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, Christ Church, Short Hills, preached, and confirmed 7.

April 4. Paterson, N. J. Evening, St. Luke's Church, preached, and confirmed 13.

April 5. Maplewood, N. J. Evening, St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 7.

April 7, *First Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Leonia, N. J. All Saints' Church, preached, and confirmed 10. Evening, Paterson, N. J., Church of the Holy Communion, preached, and confirmed 22.

April 9. New York. Attended meetings of Board of Missions.

April 10. Afternoon, at Orange, N J., addressed meeting of ministers. Evening, at Newton, N. J., Christ Church, preached, and confirmed 11.

April 11. Union Hill, N. J. Evening, Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 17.

April 12. Bergenfield, N. J. Evening, dedicated St. John's Chapel, preached, and confirmed 3.

April 14, *Second Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Tenafly, N. J., at the Church of the Atonement, participated in service and preached. Evening, at Newark, N. J., St. Stephen's Church, preached, and confirmed 15.

April 21, *Third Sunday after Easter.* A. M., at South Orange, N. J., St. Andrew's Church, preached, celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed 11. Evening, Newark, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached, and confirmed 86.

April 23. Passaic, N. J. Evening, St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 22.

April 24. Newark, N. J. (Vailsburg). At St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 6.

April 25, *St. Mark's Day.* A. M., Newark, N. J., at Trinity Church, received Holy Communion. Evening, Greenville, Jersey City, at Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 18.

April 28, *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Englewood, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached, and confirmed 35. Evening, Jersey City, St. Agnes' Church, preached, and confirmed 7.

April 29. New Haven, Conn., St. Paul's Church. Took part in burial service.

April 30. Ridgefield, N. J., at St. James' Church, preached, and confirmed 22.

May 1, *St. Philip and St. James' Day.* New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Ascension.

May 5, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Englewood, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, West Orange, N. J., Holy Trinity Church, preached, and confirmed 34.

May 7. Evening, Ridgefield Park, N. J., Church of St. Mary the Virgin, preached, and confirmed 10.

May 8. Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., Zion Church. Addressed united meeting of Archdeaconry and Woman's Auxiliary.

May 9, *Ascension Day.* Evening, Jersey City, N. J., Church of the Ascension, preached, and confirmed 43.

May 12, *Sunday after Ascension.* A. M., Newark, N. J., Christ Church, officiated and preached. Afternoon, Madison, N. J., Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 8.

May 14. Attended meeting of Board of Missions in New York.

May 15. Cincinnati, Ohio. Evening, addressed missionary meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

May 16. Issued a Letter Dimissory, commending the Rev. William Watson to the Bishop of Mexico.

May 16. Cincinnati, Ohio. Address at dinner of Convention.

May 19, *Whitsun-Day.* Cincinnati, Ohio. A. M., preached at Church of Our Saviour. Afternoon, preached at Church of the Advent. Evening, preached at Christ Church.

May 23. Indianapolis, Ind. A. M., attended Ordination at St. Paul's Church. Afternoon, attended Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, addressed Diocesan Council.

May 26. *Trinity Sunday.* Philadelphia, Pa. A. M., Church of the Saviour, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Had an interview with Miss Le Compte, deaconess, with reference to work in Porto Rico.

June 2, *First Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for Porto Rico.

June 9, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, officiated and preached, St. John's Church. Evening, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached, and received 1 person.

June 11, *St. Barnabas' Day.* A. M., San Juan, received Holy Communion, St. John's Church.

June 14, *Friday.* Ponce. A. M., visited Parish School of Holy Trinity Church. Evening, meeting of Hospital Committee.

June 16, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., addressed Sunday School. Later, officiated and preached.

# APPENDIX II.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

**Aguas Buenas**—*Mission of the Advent.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Missionary. Address, Box 1005, San Juan, P. R. Antonio Cuellar, Native Helper.

Statistics.—Individuals, 100. Baptized persons, 15. Communicants, 6. Teachers in Sunday School, 3; pupils, 40. Baptisms, infants, 10. Marriage, 1. Average attendance at services, 75. Value of Church property, $95. Number of services held, 60. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $249.32; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $166; from other sources, $83.32; contributed for other purposes, $19.85, viz., for furniture, sexton, etc. Total Parish and other contributions, $103.17.

Services are held in a public hall. Also at La Perla and other points in private houses.

Needs: (*a*) A Church. (*b*) A font. (*c*) More chairs. (*d*) A Missionary at Caguas, who, with three or four native helpers, could undertake work, also, at Juncos, Gurabo and San Lorenzo, each some five miles from Caguas, a natural mission center.

**Mayagüez**—*St. Andrew's Mission.*—Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary. Address, Box 131, Mayagüez, P. R.

Statistics.—Individuals, 230. Baptized persons, 178. Communicants, 32. Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 227. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 133. Baptisms, infants, 56. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 38. Burials, 9. Communicants, added by removal, 4; by confirmation, 14; lost by death, 1; by removal, 4. Average attendance at services, 60. Value of Church property, $355. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $24.95; Communion alms, $23.82; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,070; from other sources, $70.50; contributed for missionary purposes, $18. Total Parish and other contributions, $66.77.

Needs: (*a*) A Church building. (*b*) A second mission in the upper part of Mayagüez. (*c*) A mission at Cabo Rojo or Boqueron. (*d*) An assistant minister. (*e*) A woman helper.

**Ponce**—*Church of the Holy Trinity.*—Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector. Address, Box 322, Ponce, P. R. Wardens, Fernando Toro, Julius Umbach. Treasurer, Alexander B. Marvin. Clerk, A. S. Monefeldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, 150. Baptized persons, 149. Communicants, 89. Teachers in Sunday School, 5; pupils, 72. Teacher in Parish School, 1; pupils, 46. Baptisms, infants, 11; adult, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Communicants, added by removal, 5; by confirmation, 7; lost by death, 5; by removal, 7. Average attendance at services, 57. Value of Church property, $12,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $2,662; Communion alms, $30.89; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,060; from other sources, $313.79; contributed for missionary purposes, $92; for other purposes, $393.91, viz., for San Francisco, $5; Thanksgiving Day Offering for Memorial Hospital, $10; from Ladies' Guild, for Memorial Hospital, $100; from same, for furnishing Parish hall, $10; from Mr. George L. Nelson, for same purpose, $25; from other sources, for same purpose, $15.20; towards furnishing Rectory, from a friend in the States, $100; for Clergy Relief Fund, $16; for Church Periodical Club, $2; for New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $2; for Porto Rico Anti-Tuberculosis League, $2; for Burial Fund, $15.25; from the Bishop for paving, $46.46; from Miss S. R. Davidson for alms, $10; from Mrs. Craig, for alms, $10; from Mrs. Walter, for poor, $25. Total Parish and other contributions, $516.80.

**Ponce, La Carmelita**—*Mission of St. Mary the Virgin.*—Work has been suspended, owing to lack of a minister able to speak Spanish.

**San Juan**—*Church of St. John the Baptist.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rector. Address, San Juan, P. R. Wardens, Henry W. Dooley, T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, Henry W. Dooley. Clerk, E. N. Clopper.

Statistics.—Individuals, American, 205; Porto Rican, 35. Baptized persons, 283. Communicants, American, 94; Porto Rican, 11, Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 62. Teachers in Parish School, 2; pupils, 65. Baptisms, infants, 11. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Value of Church property, $37,500. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $1,372; Communion alms, $90.43; received from other sources, $148.32; contributed for missionary purposes, $105; for other purposes, viz., for farewell gift to Rev. Walter Mitchell, $200; Sunday School Lenten Offering, $12. Total Parish and other contributions, $1,779.43.

Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Choir Guild, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Services are maintained at the Naval Station.

Need of the work: A rectory.

Note.—The above report is not complete, owing to the recent date of the present incumbent's assuming charge of the Parish.

**San Juan, Puerta de Tierra**—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Minister-in-Charge. Address, Box 1005, San Juan, P. R. Paul Reinhardt, Native Helper. Treasurer, Paul P. Keen. Clerk, Napoleon F. John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 130. Baptized persons, 100. Communicants, 50. Teachers in Sunday School, 8; pupils, 80. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 75. Baptisms, infants, 22. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9. Burials, 15. Communicants, added by removal, 4; by confirmation, 9. Average attendance at services, 50. Services held, 488. Holy Communion, 70. Value of Church property, $2,650. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $2,223.46; Communion alms, $9.17; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $1,845; from other sources, $138.91; contributed for missionary purposes, $31.85; for other purposes, $207.70, viz., rent, electric light, sexton, organist, Communion wine, farewell gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell. Total Parish and other contributions, $248.72.

Services have been held at Santurce, Candelaria, the Naval Station, and the Leper Colony.

Needs: (*a*) Another native helper. (*b*) A principal for school. (*c*) Money for school. (*d*) Help, to open new work at Cataño, Bayamon and Santurce.

**Vieques**—*All Saints' Church.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Address, Box 14, Vieques, P. R. Wardens, Cain Callwood, Alexander Joseph. Treasurer, V. Bean. Clerk, John Sprott.

Statistics.—Individuals, 210. Baptized persons, 190. Communicants, 38. Teacher in Sunday School, 1; pupils, 27. Teacher in Parish School, 1; pupils, 10. Baptisms, infants, 4. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Communicants, added by removal, 3; by confirmation, 4; lost by removal, 2. Average attendance at services, 31. Value of Church property, $4,000. Contributions. Parish purposes, including salaries, $1,788.17; Communion alms, $37.41; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $1,450; from other sources, $238.50; contributed for missionary purposes, $15; for other purposes, $22, viz., Clergy Relief, $5; San Francisco, $15; Bishop of Jerusalem, $2. Total Parish and other contributions, $348.11.

Needs: (*a*) A cistern. (*b*) Seats for Parish Hall. (*c*) Books for the Library.

Note.—A new rectory and Parish hall have been completed, Church painted, ventilator added, new altar built, and supplies of vases, curtains, brackets, cottas and cassocks, books for Library; eucharistic vestments and altar linen presented.

SUMMARY.

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| Parishes and Missions | 6 |
| Clergy, Active | 6 |
| Retired | 1 |
| Communicants | 320 |
| Sunday School Teachers | 25 |
| Sunday School Pupils | 508 |
| Parish School Teachers | 8 |
| Parish School Pupils | 329 |
| Baptisms | 115 |
| Confirmations | 34 |
| Marriages | 59 |
| Burials | 45 |
| Total of Contributions | $2,789.30 |

*Confirmations.*

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| July | 1, 1906. | St. John the Baptist, San Juan | 4 |
| August | 26, " | St. Andrew's, Mayagüez | 14 |
| September | 6, " | All Saints', Vieques | 4 |
| | 23, " | St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra | 8 |
| February | 17, 1907. | Holy Trinity, Ponce | 4 |
| | Total | | 34 |

# APPENDIX III.

## REPORTS

### Of Teachers, Helpers and of the Treasurer of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.

### REPORT OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL.

Ponce, P. R., June 1, 1907.

*The Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D.:*

Holy Trinity Church School opened this season September 24, 1906. Most of my old pupils were in their places, and a few newcomers waited to join our number.

The school has been small this year, but the children have done good work.

The average enrolment for the year ending May 1 was 46. Average attendance, 36.

Our Rector, Rev. Mr. Walter, was anxious that our girls should learn something useful outside of their regular school work—something that might help them earn a living later on. So he provided a Porto Rican teacher, who has given them lessons in drawn work. They have two hours instruction each week, and they have done some creditable work.

This spring I have organized a Junior Auxiliary among the girls, and its members are anxious to do something for the mission work in other places.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Cuddy, *Principal.*

### REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, ST. ANDREW'S, MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

For the year ending May 1, 1907.

St. Andrew's School opened this year with an enrolment of 96, which gradually increased to 146, with an average attendance of 115.

Through the employment of Señorita Paulina Ramírez as assistant teacher, and the help given by Mrs. Bland until her regrettable illness, we were enabled to divide the school into three grades: the kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Bland; the intermediate, by Miss Ramírez, and the main school, by myself.

In March Miss Adela Rivera took temporary charge of the lower school in Mrs. Bland's place, who, we hope, will be able to resume her work at the new term.

The Rev. D. W. Bland, Priest-in-Charge, has regularly taken the opening and closing exercises each day, English and Spanish classes, Scripture and Singing.

A class for plain sewing and letter-marking has been held four times a week. We hope to increase the usefulness of this class next term

Some of the children are showing marked improvement in their studies, and our discipline is producing very excellent results in their behavior, both at the school and at the church.

Frequent visits have been made to the children's homes; and absentees have been carefully inquired after.

We need a fund with which to help the poorer children with clothes and shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

MATILDE MARTÍNEZ, *Principal.*

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## DEACONESS WEIDENSEE'S REPORT.

Variety has characterized the occupation of the Deaconess during the past year. Her affiliation with St. John's relative to work has been largely the care of the altar and its appointments and of the choir vestments. The irregular exodus of members of these guilds has made an active organization impossible.

The Spanish Sunday School has been under the sole care of the Deaconess as superintendent, organist, secretary and treasurer. The attendance, an average of 32, while not large, has been very regular, and their first offerings with the Easter mite boxes credit us at the Mission House with the sum of $12. The effort to keep and increase the number of adult attendants at the Spanish services resolved itself into a week-night service, which is held in the basement of the Church and is being conducted by the able and kindly assistance of Mr. Paul Reinhardt. To drill the boy choir and be organist for Sunday Spanish services has been a part of the Deaconess's work. An active assistance in two Sunday schools and four services has been a regular Sunday privilege, the second Sunday school and one service being in St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.

Calls have been made repeatedly on the Spanish contingent; calls among the American congregation have been frequent when illness was known to be in the household.

The Church Mission School has accommodation for 60 pupils—the enrolment reached 82, giving a regular attendance of 52 the entire school year. The hearty response from the States of boxes of second-hand clothing has made it quite possible to provide the deficiencies and keep a regular attendance. The garments were sold at a very low

price, yet supplied a fund for the purchase of shoes. Twenty-five cents was required for shoes per pair; this removed the danger of partiality or misunderstanding among the children.

All the services held at the Naval Station have been attended by the Deaconess.

Beside the Sunday assistance given in St. Luke's, there has been the activity of the Woman's and Junior Auxiliaries. Mrs. Snavely kindly assisted in the mapping out and developing of their work. A steady growth has been possible only through the use of the rectory and the sewing machine. Our resources are very limited; nearly one year ago I wrote to the Church Missions House for boxes of second-hand summer clothing. Miss Emery spread the appeal and three boxes were sent us. One was used for the Shoe Fund in our Church Mission School in the city; the others used in Puerta de Tierra, where there was need, beside the sale, netting the Woman's Auxiliary $17. A mail budget of infants' garments was sent us by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, N. J. This kindly interest from the home land has been "the cup of cheer" to the missionaries. To sum up a year's work could only be to enumerate the lines of activity requiring the energy and help of a Deaconess, Altar Guild, Choir Mother, member of choir, drilling of Spanish choir, Organist, Superintendent of and Teacher in Sunday School, Day School Teacher, Patron of Relief Fund, Nursing, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, calling. Variety and opportunity cheerfully encountered "In His Name."

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE WEIDENSEE, *Deaconess.*

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## MISS DAVIDSON'S REPORT.

Since coming to Vieques last year I have been trying to teach some neglected children, also giving religious instruction to older people and helping to put the Church in proper order for reverent service.

A class of seven or eight children has met in the mornings to learn to read and write, and Saturday afternoons to sew; and three older girls have been coming three evenings a week for lessons, and also for instruction for confirmation. Several others have come for instructions at different times, but they have had to take work away from the town.

I have had a small Sunday school class for children before the 11 o'clock service, and a Bible class for men and women in the afternoon. The latter is quite well attended, and the people seem much interested.

We have had several small entertainments with games and magic

lantern, some for the children, others for older people, and one after Easter with music and recitations by the men of the choir, which was creditable and much enjoyed.

I have been obliged to take a few orders for drawn work, though unable to find sufficiently good workers in Vieques to make it a means of livelihood for them. The profits have enabled us to have the exterior of the Church painted, which was much needed.

One of the women has helped faithfully in keeping the Church in order and supplying flowers, and another has learned to do the altar work and prepare for services.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. Davidson, *Parish Helper.*

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## REV. LEONARD READ'S REPORT.

Since my report last year I am very thankful to be able to report that the new Rectory and Parish Hall in connection with our Church has been completed and has been also covered outside with one coat of paint. This Rectory is very conveniently situated, overlooks the Bay of Porto Mula and stands in the Church land between the sea and the Church, the side nearest to the church being the Parish Hall, a room of 13 by 38 feet, which has been used on several occasions already for congregational gatherings, and for Sunday and day school classes, and also for the sewing instructions conducted by Miss Davidson.

We have not yet the means to furnish this Parish Hall, but for the occasions above referred to, we have borrowed the benches from the Church, and tables and chairs, etc., from the Rectory. We hope, however, at an early date that we may be enabled to complete the fitting up of this hall so as also to utilize it for a congregational library, towards which we have already some few small volumes.

As in this town there is no library whatever and very few residents are possessed of books of reference, this library might be made of very considerable local utility, and we should highly esteem the gift of any useful books in either English, Spanish or French, as all are used in this Parish. It is hoped soon to hold services in French.

Services are held in the Church in English and Spanish, and they are fairly well attended. The people, although very earnest and devoted, are all of the laboring class, and some of the very poorest, and quite unable to support the expenses of the Parish. So, when, two and a half years ago, I took charge, upon the retirement from active service of the late Rector, the Rev. J. N. Bean, through blindness, I felt it was almost hopeless to expect ever to obtain means to secure the execution of the necessary improvements and maintenance, but our prayers have been wonderfully answered, with our Bishop's help and approval, and

the funds which Miss Davidson has been accumulating by her philanthropic work in the profitable disposal in the States of the beautiful drawn work of Porto Rican women.

The Rev. W. Watson, late Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, paid us a visit in the fall last year, and our Church was improved by a much needed ventilator in the roof, a new altar and lights and new lamps for the body of the Church, and when he went to the States some friends gave donations so that our Church is now painted inside and outside and presents, even before the new fence is finished, a very beautiful appearance, calculated to lead the careless to thoughtfulness and the thoughtful to more earnestness.

The interior of the Church has been adorned with altar curtains and brackets, vases for the altar, eucharistic vestments, cottas and cassocks for the choir and an harmonium, and a new font to replace the druggist's mortar which served the purpose previously. So, with such encouragement, we may safely hope for the much needed water spouting and cistern and the books and fitting for the Parish Hall.

Besides these matters temporal there are also matters spiritual of very encouraging nature. Among those who have attended our services have been some who are not members of our Church, some belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and one of these, holding a local preacher's license, was to have been received into our communion, but was just at that time called away to the bedside of an aged mother, and it was the Bishop's privilege to receive and welcome him a few weeks later elsewhere.

Another young man, a Roman Catholic, and previously some years studying in a Jesuit college, has also been received into our communion, and has assisted Miss Davidson in preparing an elaborate Church Catechism in Spanish.

And among the marriages performed there was one between a couple aged 78 and 68, who had lived together just a quarter of a century, and the bridegroom is to be confirmed in a few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ, *Rector.*

May, 1907.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

### Income.

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| Subscriptions made in Porto Rico | $3,936.39 |
| Subscriptions received from the United States | 129.00 |
| Donation made by Miss Gould for first year's salary of nurse | 600.00 |
| Amount received from Treasurer of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church to complete salary of nurse for the first half year to $360 | 60.00 |
| Interest on loan made to Ponce's Woman's Guild | 2.50 |
| Collections made through Bishop Van Buren | 17,500.00 |
| | $22,227.89 |

### Expenditure.

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| Cost of hospital lot | $2,000.00 |
| Documentary expenses | 19.95 |
| Expenses for fencing lot and painting poles | 77.60 |
| Payments made to engineer for supervising work | 550.00 |
| Cost of extra plans | 150.00 |
| Cost of material and work of putting in water pipes | 532.64 |
| Payments made to contractor | 10,500.00 |
| Expenses for excavation of hospital ground | 1,062.79 |
| Head nurse's salary for the months of February to June, at the rate of $60 per month | 300.00 |
| Traveling expenses Bishop Van Buren to United States and Dr. Vogel to San Juan | 130.00 |
| Expenses for medical instruments from Kny Scherer Company | 469.39 |
| Transportation expenses: Expenses for nurses, sundries and petties | 238.88 |
| Balance | 6,196.64 |
| | $22,227.89 |

Balance, $6,196.64, of which amount $696.64 are deposited in the Crédito Ahorro Ponceño; $5,500 undisposed against letter of credit.

Ponce, June 14, 1907.

Jul. Umbach,
*Treasurer of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.*

# APPENDIX IV.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1907, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1908, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 14, 1907.

| Item. | | Annual Rate in United States gold dollars. | |
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| | GENERAL. | | |
| 1. | The Bishop's salary | $3,000 | |
| 2. | The Bishop's official traveling expenses within the Missionary District up to | 300 | |
| 3. | The Bishop's Discretionary Fund | 400 | |
| | | | $3,700 |
| | MAYAGÜEZ. | | |
| 4. | The Rev. David W. Bland | $1,200 | |
| 5. | The Rev. David W. Bland, house rent | 400 | |
| 6. | Running expenses St. Andrew's Mission | 120 | |
| 7. | Rent of Church Building | 300 | |
| 8. | An American teacher, to be appointed | 600 | |
| 9. | School expenses and salaries of native teachers | 780 | |
| | | | 3,400 |
| | SAN JUAN. | | |
| 10. | The Rev. Frederick A. Warden[1] (half salary) | $800 | |
| 11. | Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess[2] | 800 | |
| 12. | School expenses | 400 | |
| 13. | Dolores Romañat[2] (native teacher) | 300 | |
| | | | 2,300 |
| | PONCE. | | |
| 14. | The Rev. Harvey P. Walter | $1,200 | |
| 15. | Miss Frances Cuddy | 800 | |
| 16. | School expenses | 100 | |
| 17. | St. Luke's Hospital | 1,000 | |
| | | | 3,100 |
| | VIEQUES. | | |
| 18. | The Rev. Leonard Read | $800 | |
| 19. | The Rev. J. N. Bean (half pension) | 150 | |
| 20. | Miss Sarah R. Davidson[2] | 450 | |
| | | | 1,400 |

[1] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

[2] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering of 1904.

| Item. | | Annual Rate in United States gold dollars. | |
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| | PUERTA DE TIERRA. | | |
| 21. | The Rev. Charles E. Snavely | $1,200 | |
| 22. | The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, rent | 400 | |
| 23. | School expenses and supplies | 500 | |
| | | | $2,100 |
| | LA CARMELITA OR CULEBRA. | | |
| 24. | Clergyman to be appointed | $500 | |
| | | | 500 |
| | (This last item to be at Bishop's discretion in supplying either of these parts with service.) | | |
| | AGUAS BUENAS. | | |
| 25. | Mission expenses and clerical supply | $250 | |
| | | | 250 |
| | Total | | $16,750 |

E. and O. E.

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
May 15, 1907.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
*Associate Secretary.*

# APPENDIX V.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

*Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.*

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.

(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.

(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.

(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.

(*f*) The Standing Committee.

(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:

(*a*) Treasurer.

(*b*) Registrar.

(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years).

(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.

(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.

(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.

(*b*) By the Registrar.

(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.

(*d*) By the Chancellor.

(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.

(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

*Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.*

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation, nor more than once until others

desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(*a*) To lay on the table.
(*b*) To postpone to a fixed time.
(*c*) To postpone indefinitely.
(*d*) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(*e*) To commit.
(*f*) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

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